

Everglades Stamp From Florida City, Fla., On December 5

Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan announced that the new 3c Everglades National Park commemorative postage stamp will be placed on sale for the first time at Florida City, Florida, on December 5, 1947.

The new stamp will be 84 by 144 inches in dimensions arranged vertically. Its central design will comprise an outline map of the State of Florida showing the Everglades National Park area thereon.

In the foreground and partly covering the map will be a great white heron, below which will appear a dark panel with the lettering "United States Postage" in White Gothic. Arranged at the top of the stamp in two lines will be the wording "Everglades National Park" in White Roman, beneath which will appear the denomination "3c" in the same style.

The color of the new stamp will be announced later.

The design of the stamp will follow closely the one proposed by Mr. Megee and shown on the first page of the October 27th issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. No details of the first day of issue servicing of covers was given in the Post Office Department release, but it can be assumed that the regular set-up in this respect for first days in any city will hold.

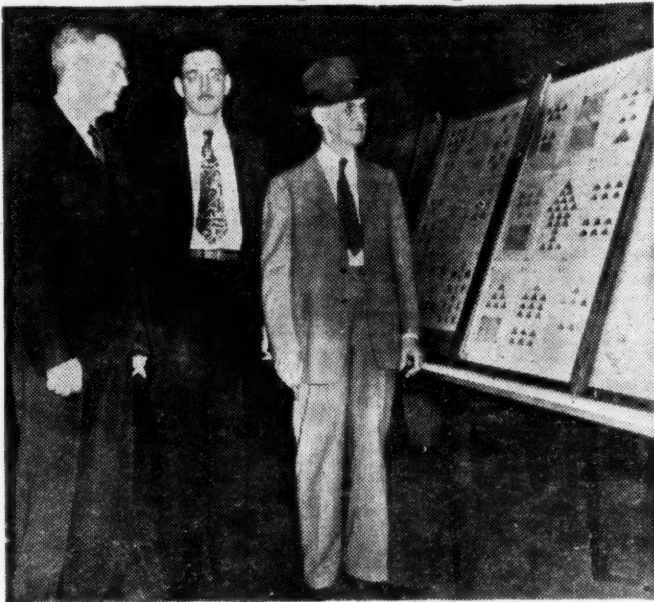
Canman Wins Grand Award At SEPAD

At the Tenth National Sepad Stamp Exhibition held in Town Hall, Philadelphia, October 24-26, prizes were presented as follows: The Milton F. Cohen Grand Award to Richard Canman, Chicago, for his five frame exhibit showing a Cancellation study of the first issue German Offices in China and their forerunners.

At the Sepad Banquet held in the Green Room of the Broadwood Hotel the Sepad National Merit Award plaque was presented to Donald S. Lybarger, Cleveland, for his outstanding work as president of the American Philatelic Society and for his efforts to curb stamp racketeering; the Local Award to Jerre S. Barr Reading, Pa., secretary of the American Philatelic Congress, also a student and writer of philatelic literature.

The show which was well attended consisted of 312 frames, and considered by the judges: Winthrop S. Boggs, Sol Glass, L. Bart Gatchell, and Denwood Kelly to be one of the most evenly balanced shows they had attended recently. The bourse consisted of 27 tables where much interesting material was available; a branch post office where current United States stamps could be purchased applied a special Sepad station cancellation, also a meter slogan commemorating Sepad 1947.

Winner And Judges At Dayton Show



Shown above is George Linn with the judges at the Dayton Philatelic Society's Exhibition in the Miami Hotel in Dayton, Ohio, held on October 25 and 26. They are posed in front of the frame of Cape of Good Hope triangles that won for Mr. Linn the grand award of the show. The judges who did a fine all around job of appraising the material shown are Lincoln A. Russell of Columbus, Ohio (left), and Clifford W. Shafer of Cincinnati, Ohio (center).

Post Office Department Shows Willingness To Improve Services

The Post Office Department of the United States of America has been the object of some very intense criticism in the past few years as far as the quality of the service that has been rendered. Many persons feel that the POD is not giving all the consideration to the handling of mail that can be given.

We read in news articles that studies have been made on the matter of sending mail by air. It has been found that where anything much less than the distance of half of this continent is to be covered by a letter, it is just as advantageous and two cents cheaper to send the letter by regular postage. In many cases it has been found that where several hundred miles are involved in the travel of a letter, that surface mail is anywhere from five to eighteen hours faster than in the air.

Two things can be deducted from this, one favorable and the other unfavorable to the POD. The favorable factor is that with the cooperation of the railroads and other surface transportation, the Department has been successful in working out some excellent schedules. The unfavorable item is partly caused by the airlines. The country in many cases is loosely linked to handle mail through the air, since a great number of cities are as yet without the proper facilities to land a mail plane. The greatest difficulty in gaining time with air mail is that so much handling and final carrying must be done on the surface. The time in the air is rather short in any case.

The Post Office Department, to their credit, are seeking new ways of beating the drag of the surface handling time and the surface transportation time. Recent thinking in this regard has been the experimental flights with the helicopter mail service, and the establishment of this service in Los Angeles and the surrounding territory. Another commendable experiment on the part of the Department was the use of the Fairchild "Flying Post Office". This plane, equipped to sort and handle mail while in flight by trained personnel, is potentially the answer to the irksome problem of sorting and distribution that now slows air mail to a walk.

Collectors and dealers, who used to complain quite regularly of poor service on the part of the Department, are now left with just one major gripe. Rather it can be said that there is one major gripe and one medium sized one. The major gripe is the extremely poor service given to collectors on the part of the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C. The medium sized one is the poor taste for design and color that has been shown by the "deciders" that govern such things in the capital.

It used to be the excuse on the part of the Department that it was not possible to obtain proper help to fill the orders as they arrived at the Agency. That excuse was valid and understandable during the war. As of the present date, an excuse that would sound plausible has not made its ap-

pearance. The Department has had quite some time for the proper training of people to man this division, because help is not that hard to get.

It now takes on the average of three months to receive an order of any amount from there. During the war it was possible to receive an order in a matter of several weeks, and at that time it was possible to obtain many more stamps than now. Collectors can not buy the Presidential series at the Agency, nor can they buy the current series of Presidential coil stamps, nor the stamp booklets. These all used to be available plus the usual air mail stamps and the commems.

There can hardly be any excuse for the poor designs and the poor choice of colors that have graced many of the recent commemorative issues. The "U.S. Frigate Constitution" was the latest example of the muffing of the opportunity to produce a really attractive stamp. Nearly every United States citizen who has had the benefit of an education in this country pictures the "Constitution" as a swaggering, gallant champion of the seas. As depicted by the design chosen by the Department, it appears more like an excursion boat just on the verge of docking. The color of green was anything but apt either. The stamp can hardly be called a nominee for the prettiest stamp of the year.

Whenever the Department takes the selection of the design and the color out of the hands of local and state "big shots" and puts it without reservations in the hands of qualified artists, we will have more attractive issues. Too many designs now are accepted from politicians and pressure groups, and practically crammed down the throat of the POD.

The Post Office Department is to be commended quite highly for the considerations that have been given collectors in the recent handling of first day covers. For a while it was impossible to be certain that one would be able to recognize a cover that had been placed in their hands for first day service. The stamps came back scuffed, and heavily smudged. Cover dealers were put on the spot with many of their customers complaining about the mutilated covers that they received

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RIGHT AGAIN!!

Several weeks ago it was predicted in the "United States Notes" column that the "U. S. Frigate Constitution" would set a new record in the number of first day covers handled, and in the number of stamps sold on the first day. From H. "Capt." Fluegel, we learn that we are pretty good predictors. Cap gives us the figures as follows—683,416 covers were cancelled on the first day in total, although 621,288 were machine cancelled while the balance received hand stamps; there was a total of 4,700,000 stamps sold.

CARVER STAMP DESIGNER, ENGRAVERS ANNOUNCED

It was announced that the designer of the new 3c Doctor George Washington Carver stamp is William A. Roach, with the engravers being Edward R. Grove, portrait; James T. Vail, frame; lettering and numeral by James T. Vail and Axel W. Christensen.

Official Figures

The Postmaster General announced that first day sales of the new 3c Constitution stamp in Boston on October 21 amounted to \$141,000. This figure represents 4,700,000 individual stamps and includes 683,416 first day covers cancelled in Boston on that date.

Texas Collectors To Exhibit In January

The week-end of January 23-25, 1948, has been set for the Third Annual Stamp Exhibition of the Houston Y Philatelic Society. As in previous years, the exhibition will be staged at the Y. M. C. A. Building, 1600 Louisiana. Bradfield A. Beard has been appointed Chairman of the exhibit and Leon C. Forcheimer, vice-Chairman.

The Houston Y stamp show, in its two previous exhibitions, took immediate rank as one of the Southwest's best, with the quality of the material on display ranking with that shown in other sections of the country. Plans are now under way to make the 1948 exhibition the best ever and collectors who are interested in arranging for displays are requested to communicate with Miss Bernice C. Golden, club secretary at 2102 Elmen St., or with J. W. Hayes, club president, at Box 3001, Houston, Texas. Inquiries may also be addressed to Harry W. O'Kane, c/o Houston Y. M. C. A., 1600 Louisiana, Houston, Texas.

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COLOMBIA—A new 1 peso lavender has been issued in honor of General Sucre.

COLOMBIA—A set to commemorate the International American Conference has been planned. There will be three values and a souvenir sheet for postage and two values and a souvenir sheet for air mail. Illustrated will be buildings and maps.



CUBA—A new set of three values has just been received commemorating the Postal Employees Retirement Fund. Denominations are 1c, 2c and 5c in green, red and blue respectively. The stamps picture Antonio Oms Sarat, first president of the association and an aged couple.



FRANCE—The Fournier stamp has been reissued in a new color. Present shade of the stamp is pretty close to what might be termed a Navy blue. It is a semi-postal with a value of 2F plus 3F.

—Pierre A. Cubells
FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE has issued a set of 14 values including 6 air mails, 2 express postage, 6 postage dues and 8 parcel post stamps.

INDIA—Current Indian stamps from 3 pies to 25 rupees have been surcharged "Pakistan". This provisional issue is expected to have a short life as new Pakistan issues are expected next year. A similar situation exists with Burma. Bahrain and Kuwait, which at present use Indian surcharged stamps are reported to plan using Pakistan stamps with Bahrain and Kuwait surcharges. Bundi has reported a new set of pictorials, from 3 pies to 1R. Face value of the set is 3 shillings. Jaipur State is said to be preparing a Silver Jubilee issue. India is planning another commemorative shortly.

LUXEMBOURG—A stamp set honoring the late George Patton has been issued. Values are

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November 12, —Mercury Stamp Co.,

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November 18—Zenith Stamp Co., 80 Nas-

sau St., New York 7, U. S., Foreign

and wholesale. Part II Balkan Philatelic

Stock.

November 14—Pilgrim Auctions, Inc., 44

Bromfield St., Boston 8, Mass. U. S.,

Brit. Col. and Saar.

November 17-22—J. & H. Stolow, 50 W.

46th St., New York 19. Entire stock of

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November 18, 19, 20—Harmer, Rooke &

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U.S., British Col. and General

November 19—Edwin Meyer, Parnell, Iowa.

U. S. Mint and Used.

November 20, 21—Billing & Rich, Inc.,

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York 18. Part IV Klein stock.

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St., New York 7, U. S., Brit. Col. and

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December 2, 3, 4—Harmer, Rooke & Co.,

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PORTUGAL—A new set of
stamps to commemorate the 800th
anniversary of the liberation of
Lisbon from the Moors has just
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are as follows: .05 green, .20 red,
.50 purple, 1.75 blue, 2.50 brown
and 3.50 black.

AUSTRALIA—The Newcastle
commemorative set of three val-
ues will be on sale for a period
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SOUTHERN RHODESIA. The
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stamp of 1943 is much scarcer
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bly soon advance due to the
new stringent rules of the British
Government, in an effort to
eradicate the black market in cur-
rency notes and stamps. For a
long time the importation of British
currency into Great Britain
has been prohibited, with the re-
sult that foreign holders of this
currency were selling same at a
discount to convert into dollars.
The result was that these British
currency notes were and are be-
ing offered in the United States at
from \$2.60 to \$3.25 for the pound
sterling. This has created a black
market of sending or smuggling
these low cost bank notes into
England, where they were used to
buy current mint Crown Col-
ony stamps which were then sent
to the United States and the
American dealers receiving same
then offered these stamps at prices
that were about what they cost
the legitimate dealer. In order
to eradicate this condition, the
British authorities will now tight-
en up on their censoring of mail
and suspected letters or packages
will be subjected to X-ray and
fluorescent screen tests. All ship-
ments of stamps out of Great Brit-
ain will require a permit and the
London dealer will be com-
pelled to disclose how they
paid for these stamps. Prior to the
adoption of these new regulations,
contraband bank notes were re-
turned to the sender but from
now on they will be confiscated.
This means the end of the low
offerings of these George VI
stamps.

CANADA. Among the recent is-
sues that are getting scarce are
the Grain Exhibition issue of
1933, catalogued by Scott at 50c
and by Gibbons English catalogue
at 5 shillings or \$1.00. The new
Brunswick commemorative of
1934 is listed by Scott at 25c and
by Gibbons at 5 shilling.

NEW ZEALAND. It is reported
that about March 1 1948 a set
of stamps will be issued to com-
memorate the centenary of the
founding of the city of Otago.

TRANS-JORDAN. It is reported
that a series of 8 stamps from
1 Millieme to 200 M. will be is-
sued in November to mark the
opening of the new parliament.

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November 11, 1947—Final New York

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November 17, 1947—Fort Clinton erected in Battery Park on November 17, 1807. November 25, 1947—British evacuation day and reestablishment of American possession of old City Hall on November 25, 1783.

December 15, 1947—New York established as first American city chartered by Congress on December 15, 1783.

December 23, 1947—Continental Congress selects New York as first United States Capital on December 23, 1784.

January 1, 1948—First session of City Council under a State charter consolidates Greater City of New York on January 1, 1898.

February 2, 1948—New Amsterdam (later New York City) proclaimed capital of Dutch Colonial Government on February 2, 1653.

February 20, 1948—Fifty years of Business Progress Exposition to open under auspices of American Institute of the City of New York.

February 22, 1948—Sub-Treasury Building dedicated on site of Federal Hall on February 22, 1842.

March 4, 1948—Continental Congress first called into session in Federal Hall on March 4, 1789.

March 26, 1948—United Nations meets in Hunter College establishing New York as "Capital City of the World" on March 26, 1946.

April 6, 1948—First Electoral Congress announces Washington unanimous choice as first President on April 6, 1789.

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A Gentleman From Memphis

The remarks below could as well concern anyone of numerous other collectors and readers of our paper, but this letter from the "Gentleman From Memphis" and the after results intrigued



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not in the habit of buying from their advertisers. We know our paper produces a lot of business for those dealers using heavy space and making attractive offers. We sometimes wish that there was a way in which all such advertising could be censored or controlled, but such is not the case with offers of stamps, for stamps come in such multitudinous variety and may be offered in so many different ways and especially so in mixtures, that it would be difficult to govern any such offers in any manner. We have seen mixtures that we ourselves would not pay half the price asked for them, yet we know that there are some people who buy and are apparently pleased. There is one law however governing advertising that might eventually get some stamp dealer in very hot water if some bright collector had the knowledge and took the trouble to go into the matter and that is a question of misrepresentation by and through the use of descriptive adjectives which in some instances are used too freely in some advertising.

However we are getting away from the main point we want to make which is that our "Gentleman From Memphis" sent a check on September 30th, for an advertised offer. On October 10th this party again wrote the dealer and complained that the order had not been filled, neither had the dealer acknowledged receipt of the order or the check. Again on October 15th the Gentleman From Memphis wrote the dealer and again complained about non-receipt of the stamps or acknowledgement of the order. Again on October 17th the Gentleman From Memphis wrote a very angrily worded letter to this dealer and that was without result. Finally on October 21st, the Gentleman From Memphis wrote a letter to us explaining this transaction and sending us carbon copies of all his letters to the dealer. I could quote this letter, but I can explain its contents in a few words and make the whole matter more clear, so here it is.

The actions of the dealer in question has put doubt in the mind of the collector as to whether such business methods are a habit with stamp dealers and whether all dealers are as lousy as this one has acted. The collector loses faith in the advertising we print and questions whether he ought to take a chance on being rooked by some other of our advertisers. The collector loses faith in the stamp dealers as a whole all because one dealer lacks the common sense and good business ethics to either fill an order promptly or to write a proper letter acknowledging receipt of the order and giving an honest excuse for a delay if a delay is necessary.

We could go on for columns and columns and analyze some reasons for delay in the case of some stamp dealers of today and perhaps it might be a desirable subject for an editorial at some later date, but the main point is as above stated. Dealers as a whole suffer from the acts of any dealer who conducts his business as it was done in this instance and it would seem that with a stamp dealers association that some interest should be taken by such association in such business practices. We maintain that much could be done by a proper association.

However, all is well that ends well and it so happened that just after the Gentleman From Memphis had mailed his letter of protest to us, there pops up in the next mail the package of stamps that he had ordered from this dealer. Immediately the Gentlemen From Memphis calls our office on long distance phone, state that we can disregard the letter that he wrote us, because sure enough, the stamps finally came. Our Memphis friend had some mighty nice things to

say about us in the letter and to us over the phone, while condemning all stamp dealers for the acts of this one firm.

Incidentally the Gentleman From Memphis remarked over the phone that he had a stable of race horses and collected stamps on the side. We admitted that we liked to see the ponies run and our friend then stated that he intended to bring a stable of eight horses to Ohio in the Spring. We immediately inquired as to what track, getting off stamps in a hurry, and were told that he would be at Columbus. "That's Beulah Park" we exclaimed and he said "sure is". He also said, "When I come over there in the spring I want you to come over and be my guest for a day". This suited us just fine, so after this visit which is to be made next spring we will try to come home with a new hat or something if the Gentleman From Memphis knows any more about race horses than we know.

Anyhow, it was a good way to clear up a gripe that is so similar to so many and which was thoroughly justified, that we were glad to get the conversation on to some other subject and we do hope that our friend will be pleased with his stamps now that he has them.

The situation as covered above is one that happens all too often if we can judge by the mail to our office. If there just was some way that collectors could tell from an advertisement which dealers were real business men and which were not, it would be better for both sides and for us too.

Spec. Award Winners At Chicago Announced

The 61st anniversary stamp show and Centennial Philatelic celebration of the CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY at the Hotel Hamilton, October 17, 18 and 19th brought out an unusually fine array of collections. Eleven exhibits by the C.P.S. members in the "Court of Honor" were prize winners at the Centenary Philatelic Exhibition in New York this year. Ten frames showing selected items of the 5c, 1847 U. S. issue that won the Grand Award at CIPEX for SAUL NEWBURY headed this display.

The judges, Lester G. Brookman, Harry Hill, both of Minneapolis and Joe Rasdale of St. John's, Mich. were each presented with a gold medal in recognition of their services in judging the exhibits. The selections of the judges as announced at the C.P.S. annual banquet the evening of October 19th, were as follows:

Waldo V. Kenworthy was awarded the Newbury Medal for the "outstanding contribution to philately by a Chicagoan" in the past year. The recognition came as a result of Kenworthy's fine work as Regional Director of "STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED".

The grand award—the Newbury Trophy was awarded to Dr. Herbert Pollack for his exhibit from a specialized collection of Bergedorf, including essays, proofs, sheets and enlarged drawings.

The Dr. Clarence Hennan Trophy was awarded to Charles F. Meroni for the best in foreign—First postal issues of England, together with a display of Mulready and Mulready caricatures.

Robert H. Golden was awarded the Burridge D. Butler Trophy for his display of covers, stamps and historical papers pertaining to U. S. postage stamps.

Two special awards for the best educational exhibits were won by John Wendt. His exhibit was a collection of Irish stamps offered from the educational viewpoint—the why and wherefore of their issuance and by Brother Josephus Edward, F.S.C., who exhibited a portion of an extensive collection covering a philatelic "Litany of the Saints".

Seals And Cachet For "Airpex" Now Available

There will be seals and cachets sponsored by the Jack Knight Air Mail society in conjunction with the "AIRPEX", their annual exhibition and bourse. This year the event will be held on November 15 and 16 in the Olympic building, 61st, Court and Cermak road in Cicero, Illinois.

The covers will sell for ten cents each, and will be franked with the Centenary 3c stamp. Covers will be mailed on each day of the show, so therefore a complete coverage of the event will require two covers, one for each day. The seals are to be printed in two colors, buff and white, and will sell for ten cents for the set of two. Collectors wanting to obtain either the seals, the cacheted envelopes, or both should direct their inquiries and requests to B. M. Kostenko, 229 South 19th avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

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Two large companies have made use of stamp collecting to furnish the illustration for their ads in recent editions of publications. In the Boy's Life for October, the Ansco Film Co. of Binghamton, N. Y. show the picture of a boy sizing up the merits of a stamp with the aid of a magnifying glass. The New York Times carried an ad for the makers of Kinsey whisky in which a number of stamps were strewn on a table together with a magnifying glass.

It's Tough To Be A Dealer In Britain

The business of dealing in stamps in England is becoming more of a headache all the time especially for the firm that must make contacts outside of the country. Before the recent partition of India it was possible for a dealer to make purchases without difficulty from there, but since its separation into the Dominions of India and Pakistan, this source has been made difficult to work. British dealers had a fine source in the many wholesalers who shipped from India, because from there, nearly all the stamps from the Near East and Asia were channelled to England via a "no red tape" route.

Now, due to the change in status of the Indian government, stamps both mint and used are among the exports that have received a temporary regulation of restraint in shipping. The ban became effective July 1 and is to continue until December 31, but the chances are that it will be extended for some time to come. Barter in the form of a trade of stamps for stamps in and out of the country is forbidden also.

British dealers who were planning a trip abroad for buying and selling purposes are just about up against a stone wall. As of October 1, no exchange will be available, either directly or indirectly, for travel outside the sterling area except for purposes explicitly approved by the Exchange Control on application through a bank. What with the British official view on stamp collectors and the hobby in general, it can hardly be seen where the dealer will be able to break way from the native hearth with any ease.

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on the U. S. stamp market across
the nation.

Note: Due to recent illness the
writer has not been able to sub-
mit copy regularly. It is hoped
that from now on this will again
be a regular column as heretofore.

FLAGS—It is not often that
ones sees his predictions come
true so quickly. For the last
three or four weeks, this set of
sheets, mint, have held their own.
They seem destined to go to that
top of \$57.50 predicted quite some
time ago. Good set. Watch for
the buys!

BI-CENTENNIALS—Bidders
still willing to buy. Sellers stick
to a definite hold-out on this set
in full sheets. Offers of \$145, regu-
larly shown but nobody letting
loose.

5c HAWAII—Remember that
price prediction of \$100. on this
sheet. Well, just noted offers
at \$95 and buyers still way below
that figure. Almost \$24. be-
tween buyers and sellers. Still
feel that sheet will go to the top
as stated.

BR. COLONIALS—Rumors ga-
lore on the English Pound. Latest
quotation shows that there seems
to be some activity on the New
York market of buying up Eng-
lish pounds at \$2.70 per pound in
100,000 lots. What does that
mean for the future of the Br.
Colonials? According to best in-
formation that could be garnered,
it seems to me that this is a hurry
up call from one set of individ-
uals that need ready cash, quick.
The several hundred thousand
pounds being dumped should not
make any difference in the stamp
trade at all unless it becomes a
panic of releases. These pounds
have always found their ready
market for those seeking quick
cash and the buyers are not being
foolish in buying them up. If
there was any chance of the Eng-
lish pound falling off to that fig-
ure, there would not be very
many takers. England would
have to have a complete collapse
to force that much of a drop in
their currency. 'Nuff said!

The smart buyers are keeping
their eyes open for the first panic
releases of good material. These
are the potential money makers
for the future. Watch your chances
and buy at your figure and you
are in for a good margin of profit
later on. The market will come
back in stamps. Do not sell your
U. S. short, especially the earlier
commemoratives. These will al-
ways be good and they can not
be replaced like the grocer buys
his out of stock items. Remember
that stamps once out of print and
no longer on sale at the agency
are bound to get scarcer each
year. The many new collectors
joining the field each year makes
that just one more stamp lost to
the buying public.

FAMOUS AMERICANS—Full
set of sheets shaded off about
\$15.00 per set. This is more of
the unloading for quick cash. The
buyers are still paying same price
as they were at the first of Oc-
tober. Still looks like a good bet!

15c CIPEX PANES—Some
more releases coming on the
market. More quick cash releases!
Only 30c per 100 over face in
wholesale sources. Could this one
eventually wind up like the SPA
pane? It too shaded off another
75c per 100 mint panes last week,
buyers getting cagey again and
sellers coming down to meet them
by shaving off 25c per 100 panes.
Still a gap of \$1.50 per 100 panes
between the two.

Luxembourg Philatelic Agency Address Given

Those collectors who would
like to add the address of the
philatelic agency of the Duchy
of Luxembourg to their list can
do so through the courtesy of
Fred Johnson of Washington, D.
C. It is The Controller's Office,
Postage Stamps Department,
Luxembourg. Present official
rate of exchange is 44 Francs
equal \$1.

More Information On Guatemala Roosevelt

In a recent article in this paper
we stated that none of the
Guatemala Roosevelt stamps had
been offered and sold through
the Pan American Union Agency
at Washington. We now learn
that the statement was in a way a
bit inaccurate. We based our
statement on the fact that lists of
the Pan American Union did not
quote the stamps. We are now
advised that it has been the cus-
tom of the Pan American Union
to sell ALL Guatemalan issues
and that the Union did ask for
and expected a large supply of
these stamps but that the stamps
sent them represented just 1%
of the total number of stamps
that the the Guatemalan Post
Office Department had PROM-
ISED to ship to the Union. These
few sets were sold directly to
stamp dealers who carry standing
orders with cash deposits with
the Union, thus they were "first
come first served" customers and
the stamps were supplied these
dealers at face value \$2.01 per
set. Each dealer who got any of
them got only one set and many
dealers got none.

This is further evidence that
the stamps were a rigged issue
and any such line of tripe as
was printed by a contemporary
paper in defense of these stamps
shows either that the Editor
knew nothing about the facts or
did not give a hoot.

It is interesting to note that the
Pan American Union was told by
the Guatemalan P. O. D. long
before the issue was made that
the Union would be supplied with
an ample supply of the stamps.
Now let Sr. Humberto Diaz ex-
plain that.

Stamp Seen That Is Almost Imperforate

Mr. C. F. Leininger submits a
vertical pair of the 16c Presiden-
tial that has three perforation
holes at one edge, between the
stamps. It is close to being an
imperforate, but collectors do
not recognize such as being of
much added value over ordinary
pairs. It is of course interesting
but of little value, altho some
people would pay a small prem-
ium for such copies.

Design Of "Twinpex" Seals And Cachets



In conjunction with the exhibit
of the Twin Cities Philatelic So-
ciety at Minneapolis, Minn. from
December 4 to 7, seals and cachets
of the above design will be is-
sued.

The seal will be issued in four
colors, a set of four costing 25c
plus postage. The seals can also
be purchased in four different
colored sheets of ten seals each,
perf. or imperf., at \$1.00 the set
of sheets.

The cacheted envelopes will
cost collectors 10c each, or three
for 25c and these will be franked
and serviced by the club at that
price. Some of the Centenary
Airmail envelopes have been pre-
pared with cachets, and these
will sell for 15c each or two
for 25c. Cachets and seals are to
be obtained from Paul F. Fisher,
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Dealer Closes Office In England; To Operate Business From Canada

Due to the severe restrictions
placed on their business by the
present conditions and controls in
England, the Price & Co. firm
have closed their offices in Liver-
pool, and are continuing to serve
collectors from their Canadian
office. This is located at 142 Fos-
ter Ave., London, Ontario. Ac-
cording to W. J. Price, a member
of the firm, the entire stock of
the British office, plus the other
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Just To Settle An Annual Argument

The Second Assistant Postmaster General has released the following opinion regarding the affixing of Christmas labels to letters and packages during the coming Yule Season.

Section 25, on page 20 of Part II of the current Official Postal Guide prescribes that "Christmas" stamps or other adhesive stamps or labels in aid of charitable objects may not be affixed to the address side of mail articles for foreign countries, but may be affixed to the back of such articles; and that unless the foregoing condition is complied with, articles bearing nonpostage stamps will not be dispatched from this country but will be returned to the senders, if known; or sent to the appropriate dead letter branch, if the sender is not known.

The same treatment is being accorded to articles bearing, on the address side, imprints of stamps which might be confused with postage-paid impressions.

However, as an exceptional measure, the instructions contained in the above-mentioned selection of the guide, are suspended during the period from November 15, 1947, to January 15, 1948. Consequently, articles mailed in the United States during said period and addressed for delivery in foreign countries should be allowed to go forward to destination, if, through inadvertence, "Christmas" stamps or other nonpostage stamps (including imprints of stamps which might be confused with postage-paid impressions) are affixed to the address side thereof, whether or not the sender is known.

Similarly, such articles received in the mails from foreign countries during the period above referred to should be delivered to addressees.

Philatelic Agencies Of The World Are Listed

An item that has always worried a certain group of collectors is the address of the Philatelic Agencies of the many countries of the world. Such a list has been compiled by C. N. Allen, 2 Brewster Rd., Hanover, N. H., and it is from him at that address that collectors can obtain details about obtaining it.

Many collectors feel that they can save money by writing directly to the country of origin for their stamps. This in some cases might be true where the purchases amount to many dollars. But usually, when the costs of postage and registration, money order and other fees are considered, purchasing from a dealer in this country is so much more satisfactory that there is no comparison.

Mr. Allen has the list though, and collectors are offered this opportunity of getting it.

Poster Stamps Now In Hands Of Dealers



Above is shown one of the six colorful poster stamps that have been released recently by A. August Tiger, their originator.

The three refreshing colors of the poster stamps are so far removed from uninspiring black and white reproductions which have appeared in hundreds of newspapers as well as stamp papers, that they seem to be almost entirely new in their presentation.

The poster stamps come in six different designs on a sheet containing 30 poster stamps in all. Each stamp measures 1 3/4" x 1 3/4", is printed in three colors and perforated. They are also gummed, ready for use on letters, envelopes, cachets, stamp packets, packages, etc.

These poster stamps which are for use on the mail of collectors will be made available to them through dealers.

Canadian Postal Official Sasses Big Business Men

Announcing plans to improve Canada's mail service, Walter Turnbull, deputy postmaster-general, said that if the post office ran its affairs the way many Canadian businesses operate, "most of us would be fired at the end of the week."

Speaking "not-so much to excuse ourselves but to explain things," Mr. Turnbull said that the post office has "the same problems to face that ordinary business faces..."

"If the post office ran its affairs the way many Canadian businesses are running their affairs today, most of us would be fired at the end of the week. And, I might add, would deserve to be."

Businessmen excused delays and slow operation by saying they lack materials and men, he added.

"What do they think we do," Mr. Turnbull outlined steps being taken to speed and streamline the Dominion's postal services. This would be done by leaving no unsorted mail at the big terminals, use of planes for ordinary mail when and where necessary, speeding special delivery mail, use of specially-qualified sorters and quick promotions in the post office for personnel who show aptitude in handling mail.

The move follows a conference of post office officials to iron out kinks in the service.

We can only wish that our Philatelic Agency might read this since if business in this country was run like our Philatelic Agency at Washington where it takes up to three months to get an order filled, business would probably fail. But of course with a monopoly one can do lots of things.

Likewise we would like to see our P. O. D. adopt a plan about clearing all mail through any post office every 24 hours. If this were done, our readers would get their papers on time.

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Stamp Group Benefits From Writer's Gift

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AERO PHILATELISTS, INC. gratefully acknowledged receipt of this, the largest single accumulation of this type of material known, which adds a substantial quantity of literature to its rapidly growing library and accumulation of reference matter.

This material will be available to all serious students of aero philately, and contributions of similar matter will be appreciated.

Territories Within Pakistan Listed

Many collectors are aware that on August 15, 1947 the country of India was separated into two different government units. The one part remains under the name of India, while the other has the name Pakistan. It might be of interest to collectors to know what former territories now comprise the new state. These are given as follows.

Western part:

1. The entire Province of Sind;
2. The entire Province of Baluchistan;
3. The entire Province called "North West Frontier Province";
4. The following districts of the Province of Punjab: Gujranwala, Lahore, Jhelum, Rawalpindi, Dera Ghazi Khan, Lyallpur, Sheikhupura, Attock, Mianwali, Shahpur, Jhang, Montgomery, Muzaffargarh, Sialkot.

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The above cover bears the three new stamps issued by Spain on October 9 in honor of Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra. Cervantes, whose date of death was on the same day as that other great man of literature, Shakespeare, is best known for his "Don Quixote" the gallant who jousts with windmills. The stamps are as follows: 50c brown (issue of 1,500,000), 75c blue (500,000) for ordinary postage, and an airmail stamp Pts. violet (150,000). The commemorative postmark is quite interesting in that the theme of the 5.50 airmail is carried and shows Don Quixote and his friend mounted on the wooden horse. The cachet (printed) is a picture of Don Quixote surrounded by the characters from the story. The cover was received through the courtesy of M. Galvez of Madrid, Spain.

The Philatelic World Power
BY A. WETTLAUFER
Province of Hessen, Germany

Today we are witnesses of a great spectacle where nations and states of the world are cooperating in a mutual endeavor for better economic conditions. The final purpose of these meetings, of course, is a higher standard of living for all peoples.

Considering the above, just where does the stamp collector fit into this picture? Was not philately an international affair since its origin.

Formerly the fraternity of stamp collectors throughout the world was quite small. However, now, this number has increased tremendously to the point where there are many millions of people interested in stamps. With this large group of people all related through a common interest, and residing in all parts of the world, there is fundamentally a world wide community of mutually agreeable persons.

Something that is not generally realized in this respect, is the fact that this community of collectors is fairly potent as an economic power. Then, if stamp collectors find a means of using this economic power for their own betterment and that of their nations, it can be said that philately has certainly earned its place among the worthwhile pursuits of man, and may begin to be considered as one of the arts.

Collectors too, in all lands, can through their community of interest, help each other considerably. As an example, business conditions in the stamp market, the same as all other business, has high and low points, good seasons and bad seasons. While conditions might be bad in one country in the stamp collecting game, it doesn't necessarily go, that bad conditions prevail all over the world. This being so, it is quite possible that collectors can manage to dispose of their holdings within a country where the sale of stamps goes easily. With few exceptions, the stamps of any country sell better within the boundaries of that country, and are more popular than any other stamps.

Once again, after world currencies are stabilized, it would be possible for a person having a specialized collection of a country, or having a large part of their collection devoted to several countries, to send that portion of their collection to the country in question, for the best price for the material it contains. This to be sure, is only practical where the size of the collection warrants the try for the better price, but it is an indication of a small service that collectors in all lands can

perform for each other.

With airmail shrinking the world of collectors to a smaller size, it will be practical to have more and firmer ties with fellow collectors everywhere. Perhaps with the collecting segment of any nation's population willing to work together and extend each other friendly hands, the same thing might happen to their respective governments.

I extend my own hand to all philatelists as a gesture of friendship and cooperation in an international community of interest.

Editor Of Precancel Magazine Retires

We learn from the pages of the "Escepeece" Western Precancel News, and official organ of the Southern California Precancel Club, that its editor of long standing must resign his position due to poor health. This gentleman is Ralph Porter. The club, while it regrets the retirement of Mr. Porter exceedingly, goes all out in wishing him well and in hoping that his health improves quickly. Position of editor of the publication is open at the present time, although the paper will be guided for the present by the secretary of the club, Lt. Col. George Wood. Any collector feeling qualified for the editorship of this magazine should write to Secretary Wood at 852 21st St., San Pedro, Calif.

German A.M.G. Rarity Found By Harrington

Mr. R. H. Harrington, of Akron, who has for some time past been making an intensive search for information on the Allied Military Government issues has just turned up a major rarity, all of which goes to show that things are to be found by those who search hard enough.

The variety in question is a clear double print of the 3 pf Washington print of the German A. M. G. stamp. Mr. Harrington has submitted the stamp to Scott and its authenticity has been recognized. The double print is not as strong as the original print, yet clear enough to show a distinct double.

These stamps are lithographed by the offset process. It is possible, but not probable that 400 copies, representing a complete pane may have been thus printed, but most likely that this is a variety or freak of printing which may be like many of the varieties

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that have been found in the flag stamps of the United States wherein a vertical row through the sheets has been double printed, due to air pockets under the paper. To make a complete double print of the full pane of 400 stamps the sheet would have to be fed through the press twice and this is most unlikely. If an air pocket variety it is probably that the doubling may show stronger at one edge of the stamp and fade out a bit toward the other edge.

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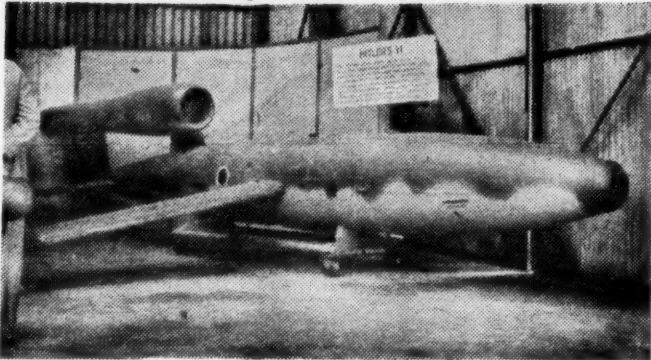


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Until recently, the existence of these unusual airmails was known to very few people, even in England. This was due to the War censorship on News calculated to be of use to the enemy.

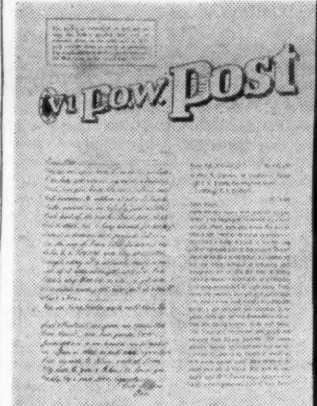
Now, however, the full story can be revealed of this astonishing experiment, which was carried out by the German authorities.

Toward the end of 1944, a few selected British Prisoners of War in German Hospitals, were delighted to receive an extra letter form on which to write home to their families for Christmas. Photostat copies were then made of these letters, together with a typewritten copy of their contents. Leaflets were printed by the Germans, bearing copies of these letters and typewritten texts in a reduced size facsimile. The Leaflets bore the heading "V-1 P. O. W. POST" and were printed in black and red on thin white paper, measuring approx. 8 1/4 x 5 3/4. Also prominently displayed was the following message, "The finder is requested to cut out or copy the letters printed here, and to transmit them to the address, so that they receive them as early as possible. The Original Letters are being sent through the Red Cross, in the usual mail channels."

In an attempt to disrupt Britain's War Industry, thousands of ROBOT, Jet Propelled Rockets, which had the appearance of a bomb with wings, had been directed towards London during 1944, but until December of that year, Northern England had escaped damage, due to the limited range of these missiles. The enemy knew of the enormous War Plants situated in the Industrial Northwest and particularly in the Manchester Area of Lancashire.

Consequently, experiments had been conducted with V-1 weapons launched from German Aircraft over the North Sea, in order to attack objectives beyond normal range. On the night pre-

ceeding Christmas of December 1944, a special attack was launched at the Manchester area for the first time by V-1 Rocket Bombs. A selected few carried a small container packed with (P.O.W.-POST) mail leaflets.



These containers were automatically released in a few seconds before the bomb was due to crash to earth and explode. Thus leaflets would be scattered within a mile of the explosion. This was an important point, for the Germans hoped to gain vital information concerning the range and accuracy of these missiles, by means of the Leaflets carried.

It is assumed that enemy agents had instructions to notify the German authorities, of Towns from which letters were addressed to relatives of the British P.O.W.'s. This could be done through spies working in the British Postal System and would confirm the accuracy or otherwise of the attack. This clever ruse was quickly foiled, however, by the vigilance of the Police Authorities, who in the space of a few hours, managed to collect all the leaflets dropped.

A strict Postal Censorship was also imposed on all mail directed to the addressees given on the leaflet, in order to counteract the possibility of enemy agents gaining information.

Thus the relatives of the British P.O.W.'s never received any of these leaflets, and all those discovered were destroyed by the authorities concerned.

It is interesting to note that a few copies of an illustrated paper called "SIGNAL" were also released at the same time as the leaflets. This Continental Magazine, which circulated in most European countries was printed in English in a miniature edition

of 36 pages on this occasion. Measuring 6" by 8 1/4", it bore a



leading article entitled "FIVE MINUTES TO TWELVE," which contained clever defeatist propaganda.

Due to the Police confiscation, very few copies of the Mail Leaflets or the Magazine exist, so that the possession of either of these RARITIES, would be a major Aero-philatelic acquisition.

Over two years concentrated search and advertising resulted in fewer than 30 leaflets and only 4 "Signal" Magazines being found. The Leaflets are in two types, one a horizontal format and the other vertical. The former bears four letter, (two on each side), whilst the latter carries three.

This was the first and only attempt to fly AIR MAIL LETTERS to Great Britain during the War, via this means.

In fact, no further attacks were launched at the N. W. England, after this failure to acquire accurate data on range, etc. Had the Germans been able to realize the uncanny accuracy of these Robot Rockets, which all fell within the target area, no doubt it would have been a different story.

Suffice to say that their ingenious plan was foiled by the confiscations and destruction of the message Leaflets.

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but be assumed nearly everyone interested has a copy in his collection. The illustration appearing on the left is the bonafide surcharge imprint HAWAII—1778-1928, in two lines as shown in Scotts. The cut on the right is a copy of this same No. 647—but with what is a phony surcharge. The distinction, which plainly can be seen, being in the character type size of the sub year dates. Collectors may have copies that show even more distinctive differences from the genuine. And the 5c Hawaii Scotts No. 648 may appear in similar treatment other than the authentic imprint surcharge. The thought for collectors to bear in mind in buying even modest priced surcharged stamps is to consult your Scott Catalogue. And further in this connection, to realize that a faint cancellation—or where a cancellation leaves off faintly or abruptly, or both, this is the "Golden" space "opportunity" to perpetrate imprints—to fool the unsuspecting stamp collector. This phony surcharge in question might be the more valuable—as has happened to the value of the so called 2c Chicago red counterfeit—which is of a rather different phase affair. Anyway—here's where again the pages fly to see what you have.

1947 Leipzig Spring Fair Stamps, An Inside Story

by Erich Haide

(24a) Balje ueber Stade, Germany

As is probably generally known, the Spring Fair at Leipzig was held from March 4 to 9, 1947. Let us take good note of this date. It will be of the greatest importance when coming to the latter parts of this discussion. We pass over the kind, execution and presentation of these stamps. We assume them to be generally known. We will rather turn to the distribution, that is, to the sale of these stamps by the Post Office Authorities of the Russian occupied zone of Germany. At the time of the Fair itself every visitor received only one single pair upon presentation of his fair pass. All stamp dealers of the western zones who attended the Fair were badly disappointed. Instead of the thousands of sets which they expected, they could take home

with them only a single pair of this stamp, not to realize a handsome profit but only to be in a position to show them to their customers.

By way of contrast to this poor deal, the collectors window in Berlin was in a position at the same time or only very shortly afterwards, not only to supply all permanent subscribers to German novelties in the Russian Zone but also, to sell twenty five sets to every single customer appearing in person at the window. If anybody wanted to have more, he



merely went from one window to another and thus could pur-

chase several hundreds sets. This of course at the postal price, to resell them at once with a smaller or larger profit.

The stamp trade, however, among the large customers of the Post Office, was not supplied notwithstanding the fact that many thousands of sheets had been definitely ordered in advance.

And today, more than five months after the Fair closed its doors, several hundreds of dealers are still waiting for the deliveries definitely promised them by the Postal Authorities, while abroad, f. i. in Paris, the same stamps are obtainable in whole sheets at normal prices. It goes without saying that most of those upon whom the damage has been inflicted, are located in the western zones. The dealers of the eastern zone have, after all, found some back door or other to get a hold of larger quantities of these stamps "from under the counter."

And all this with a total printing of 5,000,000 sets.

As was to be expected, those interested did not rest until the cause of this appalling situation became known. It developed that the printing establishment of Giesecke & Devrient which manufactured the stamps, was simply not in a position to produce sufficient quantities of the fair

stamps, supposedly because a machine was in need of repairs. There are, however, rumors in trade circles that the machine in question was requisitioned by the Russian occupation authorities so that these stamps cannot be printed but for some quite small printing press operating as an emergency measure to complete the total of 5 million sets.

This small press has only a capacity of 700 sets a day so that a period of 714 days in all would be required to complete the whole printing. This means that no less than four more Fairs would be held at Leipzig in the interim.

Because this situation is intolerable, plans are ventilated to continue printing one half of the total edition, that is, 2,500,000 sets, by the process heretofore used, i. e. gravure, while the other half is to be done by another process, i. e. typography. No change, however, is contemplated in the schedule of deliveries, meaning that all those customers who have not so far been supplied, will receive the stamps in typography instead of gravure.

This in turn means that for the collector as well as for the dealer the printing as actually completed of the Leipzig Fair stamps will practically amount to only one half of what had been planned as every single collector must have these stamps in his collection twice, quite apart from his holdings of duplicates. Evidently, for technical reasons, the process of typography requires an alteration of the dies.

The watermark is to remain the same also with the second half in typography, so that here again two watermark positions are to be expected.

The shortage of these stamps naturally greatly affected the price level during the first period of their delivery, so that prices at retail varied between RM. 15—and 30.—for a pair.

Today the stamps may be had at relatively low, that is, normal prices. However, when the use of the new printing process becomes known, a rather substantial rise may again be expected. Among the factors favoring it the speculative mania unfortunately too widespread in German today will not be the last.

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1912 IMPERFORATE ISSUE				
#	Description	V.F. Fine	V.G. Fair	Poor
408	1c Green	.05	.03	.01
408	1c Green	.06	.04	.02
408	1c Green HORIZ. PAIR	.12	.08	.04
408	1c Green BLOCK OF 4	.55	.45	.35
408	1c Green PL. # BLOCK 6	.85	.75	.50
408	1c Green ARROW BLK. 4	.80	.70	.45
408	1c Green SET OF ARR. BLK.	3.75		
408	1c Green CENTER LINE BLK.	3.65		
409	2c Carmine	.05		.01
409	2c " HORIZONTAL PAIR	.20	.15	
409	2c " USED BK. 1st PL. Car.	.45	.35	
409	2c Carmine	.05	.04	
409	2c Carm. HORIZ. PAIR	.25	.20	
409	2c " BLOCK OF 4	.75	.65	.40
409	2c " PL. # BLOCK OF 6	2.90	2.60	1.75
409	2c " ARROW BLOCK OF 4	2.10	1.75	1.25
409	2c " MATCHED SET 4 ARR.	8.75		
1912 COILS PERF. 8 1/2 HORIZONTALLY S. L. WMK.				
410	1c Green	.10	.08	.04
410	1c Green	.15	.10	.04
410	1c Green PAIR	.25	.20	.10
410	1c Green LINE PAIR	.30	.25	.20
411	2c Carmine	.40	.30	.10
411	2c Carmine PAIR	.70	.50	.30
411	2c Carmine LINE PAIR	.80	.60	.30
411	2c " PASTE-UP PAIR	.80	.45	.30
1912 COILS PERF. 8 1/2 VERTICALLY S. L. WMK.				
412	1c Green	.20	.15	.05
412	1c Green	.25	.20	.10
412	1c Green PAIR	.40	.30	.20
412	1c Green LINE PAIR	.70	.50	.40
413	2c Carmine	1.45	1.20	.95
413	2c Carmine PAIR	2.90	2.50	2.20
413	2c " PASTE-UP PAIR	1.75	1.25	
1912-1914 PERF. 12 S. L. WMK.				
414	8c Pale Olive Green	.15	.08	.04
414-x	8c Pale Olive Green	.15	.08	.04
414	8c Dark Olive Green	.90	.75	.40
414	8c Pale Olive Green	1.25	.90	.75
414	8c " BLOCK OF 4	3.50		
415	8c Salmon Red	1.50	.95	.75
415	9c Rose Red	1.25	.80	.45
415-x	9c Salmon Red	1.50	.95	.75
415	9c Salmon Red	2.40	1.75	1.25
415	9c " BLOCK OF 4	5.50	4.75	
416	10c Orange Yellow	.04	.02	.01
416	10c Orange Yellow	2.50	1.75	1.40
416	10c " BLOCK OF 4	5.75		
417	12c Claret Brown	.25	.18	.10
417-x	12c Claret Brown	1.50	.95	.75
417	12c Claret Brown	1.85	1.20	.85
418	15c Grey	.20	.12	.05
418-x	15c Grey	2.65	1.95	
418	15c Grey	3.25	2.50	1.45
418	15c Grey BLOCK OF 4	9.75		
419	20c Ultramarine	1.25	.85	.40
419	20c Deep Ultramarine	1.25	.85	.40
419-x	20c Ultramarine	5.50	4.25	2.25
419	20c Deep Ultramarine	6.25	4.75	2.95
420	30c Orange Red	.85	.75	.30
420-x	30c Orange Red	5.75	4.75	3.50
420	30c Orange Red	6.75	5.00	3.50
420	30c " BLOCK OF 4	16.75		
421	50c Violet	1.75	1.30	.95
421	50c Violet	28.50	24.00	18.50
1912 D. L. WMK.				
422	50c Violet	1.75	1.25	.75
422	50c Violet	17.50	12.75	10.25
423	1.00 Violet brown	6.50	4.95	4.25
423	1.00 Violet Brown	27.50	22.00	17.50

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1914-1915 PERF. 10 S. L. WMK.				
#	Description	V.F. Fine	V.G. Fair	Poor
424-5	1c Green-2c Carmine	.05	.02	.01
424	1c Green	.20	.15	.10
424	1c Green BLOCK OF 4	1.25	.80	.60
425	2c Carmine	.10	.05	
425a	2c Carmine Rose	.20	.10	.05
425b	2c Red	.25	.15	.10
425	2c Carmine BLOCK 4	.40	.30	
426	3c Deep Violet	.20	.15	.08
426A	3c Violet	.85	.60	.45
426	3c Violet-Pink Back	.85	.60	.45
426B	3c Red Violet	.95	.75	.65
426	3c Violet BLOCK OF 4	2.40	1.95	
426	3c Violet PL. # BLK. 6	5.50	4.75	
427	4c Brown	.05	.03	.01
427-x	4c Brown	1.00	.80	.65
427	4c Brown PL. # SINGLE	1.75	1.35	
427	4c Brown BLOCK OF 4	5.90	4.75	
428	5c Blue	.05	.03	.01
428-x	5c Blue	.70	.50	.40
428	5c Blue	1.40	.95	.65
428	5c " SHEET MARGIN COPY	.70	.50	
428	5c " PL. # SINGLE	1.25	.85	
428	5c " BLOCK OF 4	3.75	2.60	
428	5c " PL. # BLOCK OF 6	6.50		
429	6c Orange	.15	.08	.04
429	6c Orange	2.25	1.50	.90
429	6c Orange BLOCK OF 4	5.50	3.75	
429	6c " PL. # BLOCK OF 6	7.50		
430	7c Black	.35	.25	.10
430	7c Black BLOCK OF 4	3.10	2.65	1.50
431	8c Pale Olive Green	.20	.15	.10
431-x	8c Pale Olive Green	1.95	1.50	.70
431	8c " PL. # SINGLE	1.75	1.50	
431	8c " BLOCK OF 4	6.75	5.50	
431	8c Dark Olive Green	1.75	1.50	
432	9c Salmon Red	1.95	1.50	.75
432	9c " PL. # SINGLE	2.50	1.75	1.50
432	9c Salmon PL. # SINGLE	2.50	1.75	1.50
432	9c Dark Sal. Pl. # Str. 3	4.75	3.95	
432	9c Salmon BLOCK OF 4	5.75	4.65	
433	10c Orange Yellow	.04	.02	.01
433	10c Orange Yellow	1.40	.95	.60
433	10c " PL. # SINGLE	1.95	1.25	
433	10c " BLOCK OF 4	6.50	4.65	
434	11c Dark Green	.70	.45	.25
434	11c " PL. # SINGLE	1.20	.75	.30
434	11c " BLOCK OF 4	1.50	.95	
435	12c Claret Brown	.40	.30	.20
435a	12c Copper Red	.85	.50	.30
435-x	12c Claret Brown	1.25	.90	.60
435	12c Claret Brown	1.75	1.25	.85
435	12c Deep Claret Brown	1.25	.95	.60
435	12c Claret BLOCK OF 4	4.85	3.65	
435a	12c Copper Red	2.75	1.95	
437	15c Gray	.80	.40	.20
437	15c Gray	6.50	5.65	4.50
437	15c Gray PL. # SINGLE	5.95	4.75	
437	15c Gray BLOCK OF 4	22.50	16.50	
438	20c Ultramarine	.25	.15	.05
438	20c " BLOCK OF 4	7.50	5.90	3.75
439	30c Orange Red	.75	.55	.35
439	30c Orange Red	10.50	8.75	
439	30c " PL. # SINGLE	11.40		
440	50c Violet	1.50	.90	.50
440-x	50c Violet	32.00	28.00	
440	50c Violet	44.00	36.50	31.00

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1914 COILS FLAT PLATE				
(PERF. 10 HORIZONTALLY S. L. WMK.)				
#	Description	V.F. Fine	V.G. Fair	Poor
441	1c Green	.04	.02	.01
441	1c Green	.05	.03	
441	1c Green PAIR	.10	.05	
442	2c Carmine	.60	.40	.20
442	2c Deep Carmine	.70	.50	.25
442	2c Carmine	.95	.80	.30
442	2c Deep Carmine	.95	.80	.30
442	2c Carmine PAIR	1.90	1.60	1.25
442	2c Deep Carm. PAIR	1.90	1.60	1.25
442	2c Carmine LINE PAIR	2.45	1.90	
442	2c " PASTE-UP PAIR	1.25	.85	
1914 COILS PERF. 10 VERTICALLY				
443	1c Green	.50	.35	.15
443	1c Green	.90	.75	.40
443	1c Green PAIR	1.75	1.50	1.25
443	1c Green LINE PAIR	2.00	1.75	1.50
444	2c Carmine	.85	.65	.30
444	2c Deep Carmine	2.85	2.50	2.25
444	2c " PASTE-UP SINGLE	1.50	.95	
444	2c Carmine PAIR	5.50	5.00	4.50
444	2c Deep Carm. PAIR	5.50	5.00	4.50
444	2c Carmine LINE PAIR	6.75	5.50	4.95
444	2c " PASTE-UP PAIR	3.75	2.85	1.95
445	3c Violet	8.75	7.50	
445	3c Violet	16.50	14.75	13.50
445	3c Violet PAIR	33.00	28.50	26.00
445	3c Violet LINE PAIR	35.00	30.00	27.50
446	4c Brown	19.50	16.50	
446	4c Brown	2.50	1.75	.95
446	4c Brown PAIR	7.50	5.90	5.25
446	4c Brown LINE PAIR	15.00	11.75	10.50
446	4c " PASTE-UP SINGLE	3.50		
446	4c " PASTE-UP PAIR	8.50	6.85	
447	5c Blue	1.00	.80	.60
447	5c Blue PAIR	2.00	1.60	1.20
447	5c " STRIP OF 4	4.00	3.20	2.40
447	5c " GUIDE LINE PAIR	2.40	1.85	1.40
447	5c Gov't PASTE-UP SGL.	.40	.30	.20
447	5c " Gov't PASTE-UP PR.	1.00	.75	.60
1914-1916 COILS ROTARY				
(PERF. 10 HORIZONTALLY S. L. WMK.)				
448	1c Green	.10	.05	
448	1c Green	.20	.15	.05
448	1c Green PAIR	.40	.30	.20
449	2c Carmine	.75	.60	.50
449	2c Carmine PAIR	1.50	1.20	.95
449	2c " PASTE-UP PAIR	.80	.65	
452	1c Green	.10	.06	.04
452	1c Green PAIR	.20	.12	.08
453	2c Carmine PAIR	.15	.10	
453	2c Carmine TYPE III	.30	.20	.15
453A	2c Red TYPE I	3.50	3.00	2.40
453A	2c Red TYPE II	11.75	9.95	8.75
453B	2c Carmine TYPE H	.65	.50	.35
453B	2c Carmine PAIR	1.25	.95	.70
456	3c Violet	4.50	3.75	2.50
456	3c Violet	9.50	8.40	7.50
456	3c Violet PAIR	18.50	16.50	14.50
457	4c Brown	1.00	.85	.70
457	4c " PASTE-UP PAIR	2.00	1.70	.80
457	4c " PASTE-UP PAIR	1.10	.85	
458	5c Blue	.65	.50	
458	5c Blue	.80	.65	.35
458	5c Blue PAIR	1.60	1.25	.95
458	5c Blue LINE PAIR	1.95	1.50	1.20
1914 IMPERFORATE ROTARY S. L. WMK.				
459	2c Carmine	43.00	38.50	
459	2c Carmine PAIR	85.00	77.00	

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1915 PERF. 10 D. L. WMK.				
#	Description	V.F. Fine	V.G. Fair	Poor
460	1.00 Violet Black	6.50	5.40	4.50
460	1.00 Violet SOL. USED	32.00	26.50	
460	1.00 Violet Black	42.00	35.00	28.00
1915 PERF. 11 S. L. WMK. FLAT PLATE				
461	2c Carmine	6.50	5.40	4.25
461	2c " SHEET MARG. COPY	3.95	3.25	
1916-18 PERF. 10 No. WMK. FLAT PLATE				
462-3	1c Green-2c Carmine	.10	.05	.02
462	1c Green	.40	.30	.20
462	1c Dark Green	.40	.30	.20
462	1c Green BLOCK OF 4	1.60	1.20	.40
463	2c Carmine	.20	.15	.10
463	2c Carmine BLOCK OF 4	.40	.30	.20
463B	5c Carmine ERROR	56.00	46.00	35.50
463B	5c " ERROR IN STRIP 3	60.00	48.50	42.00
463B	5c " ERROR IN BLK. OF 6	62.50	54.00	45.00
463B	5c " ERROR IN BLK. OF 9	90.00	74.00	62.50
463B	5c " DOUBLE ER. IN BK 12	110.00	90.00	
464	3c Violet	1.10	.80	.40
464	3c Violet	5.40	4.50	3.75
464	3c Violet BLOCK OF 4	19.50	15.00	
465	4c Orange Brown	.20	.15	.08
465	4c Orange Brown	1.90	1.35	1.00
465	4c Orange Brown	5.50	4.25	
466	5c Blue	.20	.15	.05
466	5c Blue	2.95	2.35	1.85
466	5c " BLOCK OF 4	8.75	7.25	
466	5c Red Orange	.65	.45	.30
466	5c Red Orange	5.50	3.85	2.95
468	6c " SHEET MARGIN COPY	2.50	1.75	
468	6c Orange BLOCK OF 4	16.50	12.75	
469	7c Black	.75	.55	.35

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1917-1919 PERF. 11 (Cont'd)				
#	Description	V.F. Fine	V.G. Fair	Poor
514	15c Gray	.12	.08	.04
514	15c Gray USED BLOCK 4...	1.25	.85	—
514	15c Gray	3.25	2.25	—
514	15c Gray PL. # SINGLE...	2.95	—	—
514	15c Gray BLOCK OF 4...	13.50	10.50	8.50
515	20c Deep Ultramarine	3.25	2.40	1.75
515	20c " BLOCK OF 4...	14.50	10.75	7.50
515A	20c Light Ultramarine	1.50	.75	.35
515A	20c " BLOCK OF 4...	8.25	6.50	—
515A	20c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	14.50	10.75	—
516	30c Orange Red	1.25	.75	.02
516	30c Orange Red USED BLOCK 4...	1.25	.75	.02
516	30c Dark Orange	1.25	1.00	.50
516	30c Or. Red BLOCK 4...	5.50	4.25	3.75
516	30c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	8.75	7.25	5.50
517	50c Violet	1.75	1.50	.75
517A	50c Light Violet	2.75	1.95	1.65
517	50c Violet BLOCK 4...	6.75	5.50	4.50
517A	50c Lt. V. BLOCK 4...	8.50	7.75	6.95
518	1.00 Violet Brown	.10	.06	.03
518A	1.00 Black Brown	.30	.20	.10
518	1.00 Violet Brown	3.25	2.65	1.95
518	1.00 " PL. # SINGLE...	2.95	2.25	—
518	1.00 " TRIP 3...	8.75	7.25	5.50
518	1.00 " BLOCK OF 4...	14.50	11.50	9.75
518	1.00 " PL. # BLOCK 6...	18.50	14.50	—
518A	1.00 BLACK Brown	11.50	9.75	—

1917 PERF. 11 D. L. WMK.

519	2c Carmine	18.50	16.75	14.50	10.50
519	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	65.00	52.00	—	—

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523	2.00 Orange Red & Black...	14.75	12.50	14.95	9.50
523	2.00 Orange Red & Black...	44.00	38.00	32.50	21.50
523	2.00 " BLOCK OF 4...	165.00	135.00	—	—
524	5.00 Deep Green & Black...	2.30	1.95	1.65	1.10
524	5.00 " USED BLOCK 4...	7.75	6.60	4.50	—
524	5.00 Deep Green & Black...	14.75	11.90	10.75	7.50
524	5.00 " BLOCK 4...	65.00	52.00	42.00	—

1918-20 OFFSET PRINT

525	1 Grey Green	.20	.15	.10	.05
525	1c Green BLOCK 4...	.75	.55	.35	.25
526	2c Carmine TYPE V...	.40	.30	.20	.10
526	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	1.50	1.10	.75	.40
526	2c " PL. # BLOCK OF 6...	1.95	1.75	1.45	—
526D	2c Carmine TYPE VI...	.75	.55	.35	.25
526E	2c Carmine TYPE VII...	.25	.15	.12	.05
526E	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	1.00	.75	.50	.30
526E	2c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	1.75	1.25	1.00	—
529	3c Purple TYPE IV...	.10	.08	.05	—
529	3c " BLOCK OF 4...	.40	.30	.20	.10
529A	3c Light Violet III...	.30	.25	.20	.10
529B	3c Dark Violet III...	.20	.15	.10	.05
529C	3c Violet BLOCK OF 4...	.12	.08	.05	—
529C	3c Violet BLOCK OF 4...	.45	.30	.20	.10
529C	3c " PL. # BLOCK OF 6...	1.00	.75	.60	—
529E	3c " DOUBLE PRINT IV...	2.75	1.50	—	—
529F	3c " DOUBLE PRINT III...	4.50	2.25	1.45	—

1918-20 IMPERFORATES

531	1c Green	1.50	1.35	.75	.50
531	1c Green-SHERMACK III...	—	.50	—	—
531	1c Green BLOCK 4...	6.00	5.40	—	—
531	1c Green	1.55	1.40	.90	—
531	1c Gray Green	1.55	1.40	.90	—
531	1c Green HORIZ. PAIR...	3.10	2.75	—	—
531	1c Green PL. # PAIR...	3.50	—	—	—
531	1c Green BLOCK 4...	6.25	5.75	—	—
531	1c " ARROW BLOCK 4...	9.75	8.75	—	—
532	2c Carmine TYPE V...	10.50	9.50	—	—
532	2c Carmine TYPE VI...	4.50	4.00	.50	.25
532	2c Carmine TYPE Va...	1.20	1.10	.75	—
532	2c Carmine HORIZ. PAIR...	2.40	—	—	—
532	2c " BLOCK 4...	4.75	4.40	—	—
532	2c " MATCHED PAIR...	8.00	7.50	—	—

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1918-1920 IMPERFORATES (CONT'D)				
#	Description	V.F. Fine	V.G. Fair	Poor
532A	2c Carmine TYPE V...	2.90	2.60	—
532A	2c Carmine TYPE V...	4.80	4.50	—
532A	2c Carmine PAIR...	9.50	—	—
532A	2c Carmine BLOCK 4...	19.00	18.00	—
532B	2c Carmine TYPE VI...	1.20	1.00	.75
532B	2c Carmine TYPE VI...	2.30	2.10	—
532B	2c " HORIZONTAL PAIR...	4.50	—	—
532B	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	8.90	—	—
532B	2c " ARROW BLOCK 4...	17.50	14.50	—
532B	2c " MATCHED PAIR...	35.00	—	—
532B	2c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	16.75	15.00	—
532C	2c Carmine TYPE IV...	1.80	1.60	—
532C	2c Carmine TYPE IV...	3.40	3.20	—
532C	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	7.40	6.75	—
532C	2c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	11.50	10.00	—
532C	2c " ARROW BLOCK 4...	11.00	9.75	—
532D	2c Violet TYPE VII...	1.15	1.00	.70
532D	2c Violet TYPE VII...	2.25	2.00	1.50
532D	2c Violet TYPE IV...	1.35	1.20	.90
532D	2c Violet TYPE IV...	2.70	2.40	—
532D	2c Violet BLOCK 4...	5.40	5.00	—
532D	2c " ARROW BLOCK 4...	7.75	6.50	—
532D	2c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	9.50	8.50	—

1919 PERF. 12 1/2

536	1c Gray Green	1.75	1.25	.90	.60
536	1c Gray Green	1.75	1.25	.90	.40
536	1c " MARGIN COPY...	1.50	1.00	.75	—
536	1c GR. BLOCK 4...	6.00	4.00	2.95	2.50
536	1c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	8.50	6.75	—	—

1919 VICTORY ISSUE

537	3c Violet	.60	.45	.35	.15
537A	3c Red Violet	4.50	3.25	1.85	—
537B	3c Pale Red Violet	.60	.40	.25	—
537-x	3c Violet	.65	.50	.35	—
537	3c Violet	1.20	.80	.60	.35
537	3c Violet MARGIN COPY...	.75	.50	.40	—
537	3c " BLOCK OF 4...	4.75	3.50	2.40	1.75
537A	3c Red Violet	8.75	8.40	7.50	3.25
537B	3c Pale Red Violet	1.25	.95	.75	.50
537B	3c " BLOCK 4...	5.00	4.25	3.00	1.95

1919-21 ROTARY ISSUE PERF. 11 x 10 NO. WMK.

538	1c Green	.50	.30	.18	.10
538	1c Green BLOCK 4...	1.85	1.20	.70	.40
538	1c " PL. # BLOCK 4...	2.50	1.50	.95	—
538A	1c GR. IMPERF. HORIZ. PR...	3.40	2.40	1.90	—
538A	1c " IMPERF. HORIZ. BK. 4...	9.00	6.75	4.75	3.75
538A	1c " PL. # BLOCK...	11.50	9.50	—	—
539	2c Carmine TYPE III...	.95	.65	.35	.25
539	2c Carmine TYPE III...	.95	.65	.35	.25
539	2c Carmine BLOCK 4...	3.25	2.40	1.25	.75
539	2c " PL. # 4 & STAR...	6.50	4.75	3.25	—
539B	2c " IMPERF. HORIZ. PAIR...	3.75	2.90	2.25	1.50
539B	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	7.50	5.75	4.50	—
539C	2c Carm. Rose TY. II...	21.50	14.00	—	—
541	3c Violet TYPE II...	1.75	1.35	.80	—
541	3c Violet TYPE II...	2.75	1.95	1.50	.90
541A	3c Gray Violet II...	1.95	1.50	—	—
541	3c Violet BLOCK 4...	12.50	8.50	6.25	4.50
541	3c Violet PL. # BK. 4...	18.50	14.00	10.50	—

1920 ROTARY ISSUE PERF. 10 x 11

543	1c Green	.15	.10	.05	—
543	1c Green	1.25	.75	.50	.35
543	1c Green BLOCK of 4...	5.00	3.90	1.85	—
544	1c " PERF. 10 x 10...	.10	.05	.03	—

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1921 ROTARY PERF. 11 NO WMK.						
#	Description	V.F.	Fine	V.G.	Fair	Poor
545	1c Green	11.75	8.75	5.60	3.75	
545	1c Yellow Green		8.75	5.60	3.75	
545	2c Black BLOCK 4	46.00	36.00	26.50	16.50	
545	1c Green Pl. # BLK.	60.00	45.00	34.00		
546	2c Carmine Rose TY. III.	3.90	2.85	1.75	1.25	
546	2c Deep Carmine Rose III.		2.85	1.75	1.25	
546	2c Carmine BLOCK 4	15.50	11.75	6.95		
546	2c " PL. # BLOCK 4		14.00	10.50		

1920 BI-COLOR FRANKLIN

547	2.00 Carmine & Black...	2.25	1.75	1.45	.95
547	2.00 " USED BLOCK 4...	7.00	2.90	—	—
547-x	2.00 Carmine & Black...	8.75	7.40	5.75	—
547	2.00 Carmine & Black...	11.85	9.75	8.50	6.50
547	2.00 " BLOCK OF 4...	47.00	38.00	33.00	—
547	2.00 " MARG. ARROW BK. 4...	54.00	42.50	36.00	—

1920 PILGRIM ISSUE

548	1c Green	.20	.15	.10	.05
548-x	1c Green	.20	.15	.10	.05
548	1c Green	.30	.20	.14	.08
548	1c " MARGIN COPY...	.20	.15	.10	—
548	1c " BLOCK OF 4...	1.25	.80	.60	.45
548	1c Green PL. # BK. 6...	2.50	1.85	1.50	.75
549	2c Carmine	.12	.09	.06	.02
549-x	2c Carmine	.50	.35	.20	.10
549	2c Carmine	.65	.45	.30	.20
549-x	2c " MARGIN COPY...	.45	.30	.20	.10
549	2c " BLOCK OF 4...	2.75	1.95	1.50	.85
549	2c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	3.95	3.00	2.40	1.50
550	5c Deep Blue	2.40	1.95	1.65	.95
550	5c Deep Blue BLOCK 4...	8.75	7.50	4.95	—
550-x	5c Deep Blue	2.75	2.50	1.95	1.10
550	5c " MARGIN COPY...	2.45	2.45	1.40	—
550-s	5c " MARGIN COPY...	2.45	1.85	1.45	—
550	5c " PL. # SINGLE...	3.95	3.30	2.85	—
550	5c " BLOCK OF 4...	14.75	12.50	9.50	6.50
550	5c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	22.00	17.75	14.50	—

1922-5 ISSUE PERF. 11 FLAT PLATE NO. WMK.

551-71	1/2c-1.00 SET 21...	.95	.75	.50	.25
551-71	1/2c-1.00 SET USED BLKS...	7.50	5.75	—	—
551	1/2c Olive Brown	.04	.03	.02	—
551	1/2c Brown Block 4...	.10	.08	.05	—
551	1/2c Deep Ol. Br. Block 4...	.10	.08	.05	—
551	1/2c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	.30	.25	.20	—
552	1c Green	.10	.08	.06	.03
552	1c Deep Green BLOCK 4...	.40	.30	.25	.15
552	1c " PL. # BLOCK 6...	.75	.60	.50	—
553	1 1/2c Yellow Brown	.20	.15	.10	.05
553	1 1/2c Dark Brown	.50	.40	.30	.15
553	1 1/2c Y. Brown BLOCK 4...	.75	.50	.40	.25
553	1 1/2c " PL. # BLOCK 4...	1.10	.85	.75	.40
554	2c Carmine	.15	.10	.08	.04
554	2c Carmine BLK. 4...	.60	.40	.30	.15
554	2c Carm. PL. # BLK. 6...	1.25	.75	.60	.40
555-x	3c Violet	1.10	.90	.65	—
555	3c Violet	1.50	1.20	.95	.60
555A	3c Dark Violet	1.50	1.25	1.10	—
555B	3c Red Violet	1.50	1.20	.95	—

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CANADIAN CATALOG

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versal Style system as used in the
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dian number at U-200 continues
through U-215. Types 213, 214 and
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precancellation as used now in
Canada. Right inside the front
cover is a list of the towns using
precancels, and their correspond-
ing number as shown on the re-
spective stamp when precancelled.
These numbers are the Post Office
Money Order numbers as assigned
by the department at Ottawa.
One section never noted before
and that was the Bar Types. This
seems to be quite extensive when
considered in proportion to the
city type listing. Probably have
seen Canadian Bar precancels
and have never recognized

them as such. It always pays to
get a catalog we guess. Glancing
through the general section we
note quite substantial prices
which when we have time will
check against our meager stock of
duplicates. All in all a neat book
and one that should give impetus
to a very fascinating phase of
stamp collecting during the com-
ing season.

P. S. S. CONVENTION DATES

We understand that the 1948
dates for the P. S. S. Convention
to be held in Los Angeles, Calif.
will be the 12, 13, 14 and 15th
of August. That is Thursday
through Sunday. Other details of
course will be released later.
This will give those intending
to make the trip a chance to make
plans well in advance.

Soldier In Korea Finds Home Town Item In Linn's

Back in the June 30 issue we
pictured a window that Cecil H.
Kuhl had prepared in his drug-
store out in Cottonwood Falls,
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pared by druggist Kuhl for the
pleasure of his fellow citizens
(he got a kick out of it too) as a
contribution on his part for the
Centennial year of United States
postage stamps. Now we learn
that Pfc. Duane Read, who was
born in Chase County, Kansas
and lived there until he was sev-
en, sent his aunt, Miss Nellie
Read, a clipping from Linn's
Weekly Stamp News that carried
the picture and the story about
Mr. Kuhl's window.

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will be incorporated a Bourse and
an Exhibition. Collectors in
the vicinity will receive a warm
welcome to this event, since it
is for the intention of the club
to interest its own members and
those not in the club on the
merits of membership.

The club meets weekly on
Wednesdays in the IOOF Hall at
8:30 p. m. and collectors are wel-
come to these meetings also. Here
they will meet the newly elected
officers who are James Pfeiffer,
pres., Stanley Trychel, v. pres.,
Wilbert Wagner, secy., Norman
Moore, treas. and Donald Place,
auctioneer. Alfred Boerger, 204
Main St., Toledo 5, Ohio will be
happy to furnish further infor-
mation about the event.

Aero Philatelic Group Elects New Officers

At the Annual meeting of Spon-
sor Members of Aero Philatelists,
Inc., held in New York City on
October 14, the following new of-
ficers were named to serve the
club for the fiscal year. Presi-
dent, John J. Britt; V. President,
Jules Wacht; Secretary, R. S.
Bohn and Treasurer, L. E. Liv-
ingstone.

The secretary was able to re-
port at the annual meeting that
the membership in the club was
now well over the 500 mark and
that new applications were being
received at an encouraging rate.
The Society "Aero Philatelic
News" also received quite a
number of complimentary re-
marks, and plans were made to
add improvements where the
need for them appeared.

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ippines during the early part of
the 20th Century were allowed to
apply their own overprint in any
manner they wished. The major-
ity of these read O. B. in many
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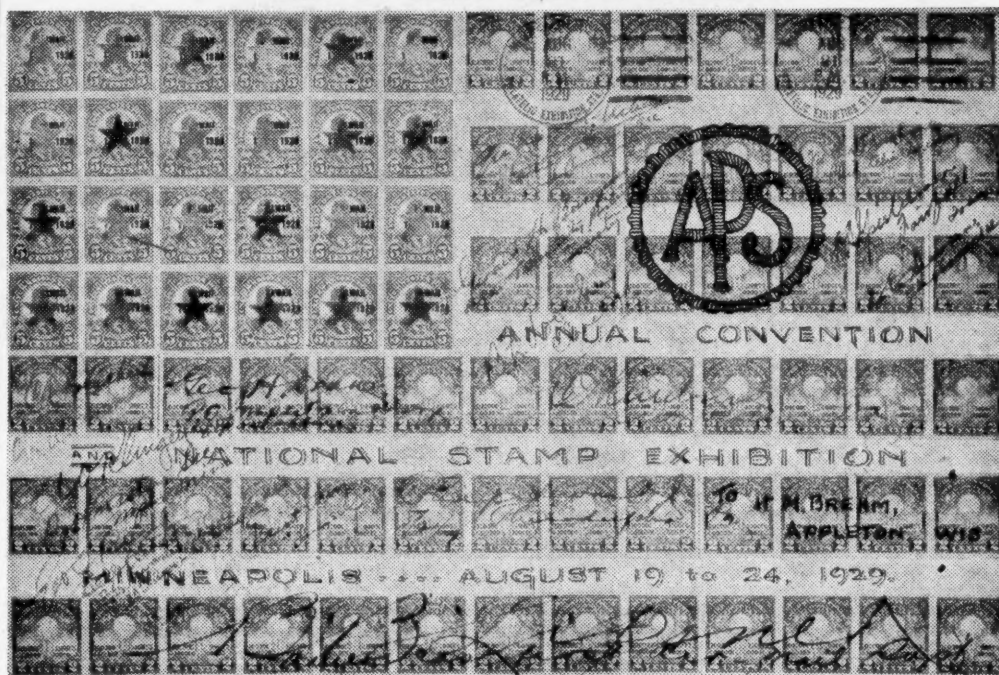
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Just in case you feel artistic some time and want to work up something unusual, the above cover will make a good example for a starter. It is the work and the property of H. M. Brehm, of New London, Wis., and represents some good taste and originality. The cover was gotten up at the time of the APS Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. from August 19 to 24, 1929, and was mailed on the 21st. The cancellation was made from "Exhibition Station" situated in the Convention Hall. The cover bears the autographs of many APS notables and officers of that day, plus some famous visitors to the convention. There are 60 Edison Coil stamps in strips to make the red stripes of the flag, while 24 of the Hawaii 5c Sesquicentennial of Discovery stamps are used as the blue field for the silver stars that have been stuck on top of these stamps.

British Philatelic Association Becomes Influential Body

Way back in 1926 a group of leading British collectors and dealers sat round a conference and drew out a plan for an organization to replace the old "Stamp Trade Protection Association," a body which had done good work in its time, but had become largely moribund. The new organization was to have as its main object the protection of both amateur and professional philatelists. The B. P. A. was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee without share capital.

Today, The British Philatelic Association, Ltd. is a going concern and increasing in membership and activity each day. It has opened its doors to membership to collectors and dealers in all countries of the world who are of good repute. Office of the secretary is 3 Berners St., London W. 1, England.

For quite a number of years the Association had no officers of its own and Stanley Phillips, the present Managing Director of Stanley Gibbons Ltd., acted in the capacity of Honorary Secretary. Soon however, affiliation with the International Association for Promotion and Protection of Trade Ltd. afforded the B. P. A. the services of a secretary (Mr. Cuthbert Greig), staff and a London office.

The first major problem dealt with under the new conditions was the attempt to impose import duties on postage stamps. The B. P. A. was successful in getting stamps exempted from the scope of the duties and the emergency proved not only the B. P. A.'s ability to act with speed and vigor, but the willingness of the stamp trade and of the British Government departments to accept it as the representative body.

On the outbreak of the war, the B. P. A. was faced with a host of new problems, the first major one being the proposal to

include postage stamps in the original War Risks Insurance scheme, the premium, 10s. percent, per month, being one which would have quickly ruined stamp trade. The B. P. A. was successful in getting stamps excluded. Other matters dealt with in the early years of the war included censorship, Red Cross auction sales and, in 1940, the decision by the British Government to authorize the B. P. A. to operate the Stamp Import and Export Control, on their behalf. The decision finally established the Association's position as the representative stamp body vis-a-vis the authorities.

France Semi-Postals Regaining Strength

After marked and discouraging drops, the semi-postals of France are showing some signs of recovery after the debacle of the franc devaluation. While the war issues are still tottering around because of the economic pressure which France is suffering, the earlier issues are carrying the load. First signs of strength developed last April and May.

During the past three months the percentage of change was less than 1/10th of 1% with most of the credit due to a few fast travelers and not a few steadfast varieties of earlier vintage. These gainers give promise of better things to come, particularly since semi-postals are much more popular than regular postage issues. For that reason it is quite possible that the semi-postals will regain their position from the high riding regular postage issues.

Famous Words Of Famous Collectors

"Incidentally I am a general collector and you perhaps had as much to do with my conversion as anyone. I still like to study and specialize in United States stamps, but for sheer pleasure and enjoyment I now collect foreign stamps and used ones only. My greatest kick is in corresponding with foreign collectors all over the world. It takes time, but it is time well spent."—George C. Hahn.

We feel proud of this convert and you can see from his own words what a lot of pleasure he is getting from his stamp collection. After all that is the prime reason for collecting stamps and when that is accomplished one should be happy. Incidentally do not overlook that "corresponding with foreign collectors." If more and more collectors would get that habit they would find the millennium in the hobby. It is surprising how many stamps you can pick out of your waste basket and send to a collector in a foreign land and get a lot of nice

stamps in exchange. Then too, you make some wonderful pen pals. Do not be afraid to try this method for you will find scattered all over the world a lot of people with native and unpronounceable names who can write you in better English than you use yourself, and that makes foreign exchange so easy for some of us ignoramuses.

CANADA PRECANCEL CATALOG RELEASED

The Fourth Edition of Hoover Brothers' Official Catalog of Canada precancels is now ready for the many collectors of these stamps who have been looking forward to its issuance. Editor of this edition was H. G. Walburn, R. R. #3, Kelowna, B. C., Canada. The catalog consists of 36 pages between heavy paper cover stock, and contains good illustrations of the stamps and the Canada types of precancelled stamps.

Publishers of the catalog are Hoover Brothers, 45 Murray Ave., Goshen, N. Y. Price of this edition is \$1.50. A review of this catalog appears elsewhere by K. M. Gierhart, who writes the interesting "Pre Cancel News" for Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

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Q.—What is meant by a Sleeper and what is the origin of the term?

A.—Naturally we take it that the inquirer is referring to stamps and the answer is a simple one. When sending out stamps on approval some dealers advertise that their approvals contain sleepers, likewise in printed advertisements, dealers may announce that there is a sleeper in the offering. In either event it would mean that there is an especially desirable stamp or some stamp or stamps that are priced considerably below their usual price. The object of doing this is to encourage the collector to examine the approvals or the advertising carefully, comparing prices etc. As to the origin of the term, we have no knowledge.

Q.—I have in my possession No. 230 of New Zealand, canceled at Honolulu, Hawaii. Can you offer any explanation?

A.—It is most probable that the letter was in the mail from New Zealand and it was noted in the Hawaiian post office that the stamps had not been canceled. The Hawaiian clerks then canceled the stamps. We have had stamps of Great Britain, Cuba and other countries come on mail to our office canceled in New York City. The reason is as explained above.

Interest in this column is developing fast and we are crowded this week with numerous questions and inquiries. One reader, Mr. E. R. Hush of Minneapolis sends in a three page letter with eight different questions, all of which would require a years correspondence and research to get proper answers and thus we are unable to handle any such material. Most of his queries have to do with the current German postal situation and there is doubt in our mind if Government authorities would give the answers even if someone asked for them. In due time the full story will come into print, but it will be after the present situation is cleared up and when some German Philatelist, on the ground, will have gathered and written the story.

Mr. Hush also suggests an open forum on what collectors believe should be done about a new Scott catalog. For a matter of this nature we would believe that so few understand the mechanical works of such a volume that too many of the letters of suggestion would be impractical or out of reason.

In another query Mr. Hush wants an editorial opinion on a subject which is thoroughly political with relation to a foreign country and we are told by too many readers to keep political opinion out of the paper. Just why, we fail to understand as our daily press is filled with political opinion and we see no reason why political activity affecting stamps should not be discussed, in fact we think more of such discussion by other papers would be a desirable feature.

Mr. Hush also asks for a list of Foreign Stamp Catalogs. For this matter we would believe that not one tenth of one per cent. of our readers would care for such a list as so few of them have a Scott Catalog that we think we had best educate people to buy a Scott catalog before talking about foreign catalogs.

If Mr. Hush will ask us some questions, point blank, we will be glad to reply through this column,

but his three page letter was solely a mixture of suggestions for articles and discussion.

Q.—Edward Roberts of Brooklyn, N. Y., inquires about several stamps of Italy overprinted "A. M. S."

A.—We too have such stamps but fail to find them listed in the Occupation issues of Italy, since these are surcharges on Italian stamps. We are told that they are Allied Military issues but shall have to wait till Scott classifies them before passing an opinion. The A. M. S. stand for either Allied Military Service or Allied Mail Service.

Q.—Ira H. Friedman of New York inquires about the number of Lundy Island stamps which he has and wants to know about them.

A.—These Lundy labels have been so often written up in the stamp press that any collector who has been active for a few years should know the answers. Recently the National Geographic Magazine gave them a nice puff, but of inaccurate information. These stamps, so called, are merely labels. They are not postage stamps of any government, have no recognized postal value and carry no letters through international mails. Collectors who buy them are stuck with something that has no recognized standing in the philatelic world.

Q.—Charles R. Maytum of Providence, R. I. inquires about the coil stamps which are listed as with 2mm or 3mm spacing between and wants to know if such spacing is found both ways in the line pairs.

A.—This difference in spacing was used in sheets of stamps from about 1908 to 1916 in an effort to make sheets that would perforate more accurately. Several rows, vertically, were spaced 2mm and others spaced 3mm apart in order to get the proper spacing to give more accurate perforation. The different spacings are through the centers of the sheets and not in the line positions which may vary slightly in measurement due to the layout of the plates either side of the line.

Q.—Harry Gibel, M. D., Brooklyn, N. Y. wants to purchase A.M. G. stamps at the source so he can buy them at face.

A.—We are not stamp dealers and never concern ourselves about buying stamps from any government at face. To do this you have to contact the Postal Authorities of the Government and learn if they will supply the stamps. We suggest buying from stamp dealers and believe that for single stamps and sets for your collection this would be the most economical manner. Besides, it is most probable that all A.M.G. issues except the current Italy for Trieste are no longer available at the local post offices.

Q.—Chas. M. Cox of Boston takes us to task for stating in our issue of October 20th that the Constitution Stamp would have First Day cancel only aboard the Frigate and not at the Boston Post Office. He claims that they were sold at the Boston, P. O.

A.—We acknowledge that fact, but the point is that the Post Office Department announced that all First Day Cancels would be made aboard the Frigate and not at the Boston Post Office. If the P. O. D. changed this rule, that is something over which we have no control. We printed the information as supplied by the P. O. D.

Q.—Norman R. Moore of Bethlehem, Pa. states that he collects stampless covers and old U. S. on cover and wants to know how we can tell what the watermark is in old U. S. stamps when they are on cover.

A.—No watermark was ever used in any United States stamps until the issue of 1895, thus no need to hunt for any earlier ones except stitch watermarks which are one in a million. However,

when one wants to more fully examine a stamp on cover the only method is to steam the stamp off. Hold over the spout of a tea kettle. After examining the stamp paste it back on the cover in proper position. This is frequently done in cleaning old covers and for other reasons.

Q.—Mayo Weinberg, Whiting, Indiana wants to know how one can tell a faked surcharge from an original.

A.—You can not always do this. Faking a surcharge is about the simplest thing that can be faked about a stamp, unless it is clipping perforations or reperforating. An expert printer and philatelist can fake surcharges so perfectly that it is practically impossible to detect them and I have always felt that anyone paying a fancy price for a surcharge was taking a chance. Surcharged stamps on original covers are the best and safest buy for it would be far more difficult to apply a fake over a cancellation and on a stamp on cover than on a stamp off cover. Common stamps with surcharges are seldom faked, it is the rare items you must stay clear of.

If faked on a canceled stamp it is usually possible by expert examination to find if the surcharge is over the cancel which marks it as a fake. Numerous "Hawaii" surcharges on the 2c and 5c U. S. are reported in the market and on canceled stamps. One other way is where the surcharge is such a poor imitation that it stands out clearly as a fake in comparison with a known genuine copy. Sometimes the difference in the ink is so apparent that one will class a stamp as with faked surcharge, but we do not always consider this method of detection as fool proof.

Collector Suggests
Food Saving Stamp

One of our readers in the spirit of the times suggests that a stamp be issued to make our citizens conscious of the "Food Saving Program". This gentleman is William J. Wirsing. He believes that inasmuch as the war effort was promoted with the issuance of the Defense stamps and the Win The War series, and that the short-lived NRA was propagandized by a stamp, it might influence our citizens in the conservation of food.

He believed too, that if these stamps were placed on mail for Europe and other countries where our help is being given, the people of these countries would recognize where their aid originates. As it is now, a good number of these people are in the cross fire of propaganda and are being confused on the aid question. Mr. Wirsing believes that with a stamp, these people will at least know what efforts on their behalf are being made.

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B128-29	Pro Juventute 1943	.50
B131	Centenary sheet	1.80
B141-2	War Victims	.45
B145	Peace	.10
CB26	Airmail (used only)	.60
CB37-39	Airmail	.35
CB41	1946 Airmail	.65
CB49	Postage Due set	.65

SINGLES: (* denotes mint - (C) used)

CB49	.35	CB78	.06	CB123	.04
CB50	.04	CB79	.04	CB124	.04
CB51	.06	CB80	.04	CB125	.04
CB52	.07	CB81	.06	CB126	.10
CB53	.15	CB82	.05	CB127	.07
CB54	.10	CB83	.03	CB128	.10
CB55	.03	CB84	.03	CB129	.10
CB56	.03	CB85	.03	CB130	.08
CB57	.02	CB86	.03	CB131	.04
CB58	.03	CB87	.03	CB132	.04
CB59	.03	CB88	.03	CB133	.08
CB60	.04	CB89	.04	CB134	.10
CB61	.05	CB90	.04	CB135	.15
CB62	.05	CB91	.04	CB136	.03
CB63	.05	CB92	.04	CB137	.13
CB64	.08	CB93	.04	CB138	.03
CB65	.12	CB94	.05	CB139	.07

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195-99	Jochumsson	.35
199-201	25th Anniversary	.28
209-11	University Building	.70
232-35	World's Fair 1940	5.90
B1-4	Charity	.50
B5	Ericsson sheet	.45
B6	Triangle Airmail	.13
CB-11	Zeppelin set	1.30
CB15-20	Pictorial Airmails	1.30
CB21-28	1947 New Air set	1.35
CB31	Rare Official	.75

SINGLES: (* denotes mint - (C) used)

CB13	.35	*153	.08	*224	.08
CB14	.70	*154	.08	*225	.03
CB15	.04	*155	.06	*226	.08
CB16	.12	*156	.10	*227	.03
CB17	.13	*157	.15	*228	.12
CB18	.15	*158	.15	*229	.05
CB19	.20	*159	.20	*230	.15
CB20	.30	*160	.20	*231	.15
CB21	.45	*161	.30	*232	.04
CB22	.65	*162	1.75	*233	.07
CB23	.85	*163	3.50	*234	.60
CB24	.08	*164	.10	*235	.15
CB25	.12	*165	.10	*236	1.25
CB26	.04	*166	.02	*237	.50
CB27	.04	*167	.10	*238	2.50
CB28	.20	*168	.10	*239	.18
CB29	.03	*169	.10	*240	.18
CB30	.02	*170	.30	*241	.18
CB31	.02	*171	.08	*242	.25
CB32	.05	*172	.15	*243	.12
CB33	.05	*173	.10	*244	.17
CB34	.05	*174	.10	*245	.25
CB35	.10	*175	.10	*246	.25
CB36	.15	*176	.10	*247	.25
CB37	.15	*177	.04	*248	.25
CB38	.30	*178	.03	*249	.15
CB39	.30	*179	.03	*250	.15
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CB60	.05	*200	.03	*271	.20
CB61	.05	*201	.03	*272	.20
CB62	.05	*202	.03	*273	.20
CB63	.05	*203	.03	*274	.20
CB64	.05	*204	.03	*275	.20
CB65	.05	*205	.03	*276	.20
CB66	.05	*206	.03	*277	.20
CB67	.05	*207	.03	*278	.20
CB68	.05	*208	.03	*279	.20
CB69	.05	*209	.03	*280	.20
CB70	.05	*210	.03	*281	.20
CB71	.05	*211	.03	*282	.20
CB72	.05	*212	.03	*283	.20
CB73	.05	*213	.03	*284	.20
CB74	.05	*214	.03	*285	.20
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CB77	.05	*217	.03	*288	.20
CB78	.05	*218	.03	*289	.20
CB79	.05	*219	.03	*290	.20
CB80	.05	*220	.03	*291	.20
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Wisconsin Meeting

Badger Precancel club meeting Wednesday, November 19th, 7:30 p. m. Knickerbocker Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Contact Karl Zapp, 1028 E. Juneau avenue, Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin, for further information.

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A dealer who went all out in his attempt to give his usual first class service to a customer is Robert M. Flinn of Norwood, Ohio whose ads appear regularly in the pages of this paper. It so happened that one of Flinn's customers wrote in for a selection of stamps for which he had enclosed payment. The name was enclosed, but no address; but it was possible to determine that the collector lived somewhere near Madison, Wisc. since the envelope bore that postmark.

He appealed to us for help and we published a request for information on his customer's address in our news columns. He also wrote to the Postmaster of Madison, who should receive an orchid for the attention given to Flinn's request. The postmaster not being able to locate the party from his files, turned his problem (or should we say Flinn's problem) over to the two daily papers who ran news items requesting the address of the wanted man.

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A stamp that should have a wide sale in both Milwaukee and Cincinnati is the one to be issued by Denmark in honor of the Oldest Brewery in that country. In case some of the innocents among our readers don't recognize the connection, the two cities are recognized as the beer capitals of the nation. Both are settled to a large extent by the descendants of early German and Dutch families who traditionally like the amber pop. From among these people were those with enterprise who established the various breweries to be found in these two cities.

Junior Collectors Of Texas Exhibit

With the help of the senior collectors in their neck of the woods, the juniors held a mighty nice stamp exhibit in the Valley Community Center at El Paso, Texas. Juniors and seniors both were members of the Lower Valley Stamp Club who held the show on September 23 and 24. Winners were Arthur Mager in the junior boys class, who also had the best in the show, Charles Shropshire in senior boys and Betty Holyoke in the girls division.

Prizes were donated by many of the business firms of El Paso and the lower valley and it was because of this cooperation and interest on the part of collectors and non-collectors both that made the youngsters happy. Some of the seniors exhibited, but these were not entered for competition.

One of the feature frames among the juniors was that of Duane McDaniels who had a nice showing of the Haiti inverts. This young man is a 15 year old high school student of Yeleta, Texas, who already has shown a fine aptitude for the hobby.

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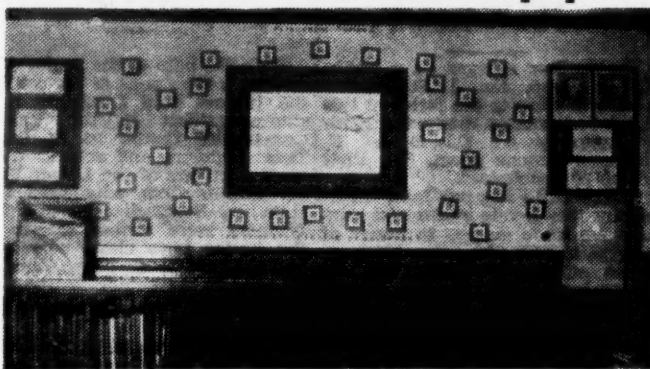
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The display features a map of the United States in the center from which cords lead to the state from that one of the Presidential series of stamps in which that president was born. The White House stamp (4 1/2c) is shown and tied in with Washington, D. C., while the Roosevelt United Nations stamp is tied in with California and New York.

We learn that the display was greeted most enthusiastically by the students among whom are a number of collectors. Both of these ladies are to be commended for the fine display, and also for the presentation of the stamp collecting hobby to the students in such an interesting manner.

INTERESTING FACTS

by L. F. Turley

APPROVAL EDUCATION

The writer just attended an exhibition and met many new collectors as well as many older ones. In wandering past the dealers' tables, one could not help noticing the reluctance of some people to pay the fair price for a stamp.

To tie this in with the past columns one should give comparisons. It seems that many people found the time before attending the show to make out want lists. In lots of cases, the full lists were well beyond their fondest dreams of purchasing. Three times it was noted that one person sat down at a dealer's table, went through his entire stock that was there and never made a purchase. What that type of person expected to do besides spend the time of day, I can not tell. He surely didn't intend to buy. Finally, upon settling down to one dealer his total purchase was only 50c. One whole day spent looking and a 30 second purchase. Is that stamp collecting? No! This party had a list as long as your arm and still only bought 50c worth.

It is true that if one is seeking one of several scarce items that can not possibly be found with in reach of one's finger tips, But—a list of several hundred items either shows that the person is a price seeker and then apt to be dissatisfied, or else it was a pretense of the worse sort. In fact, I am afraid if I had been in several dealers, position he would not have received too much attention the second time around. How would you feel if you had a certain item for sale, and a person who showed interest by exhibiting a want list would price the item, get up, sit down at the next table, repeat the action all the way around 15 or so dealers, then come back to you and want to go through the same process again? No, I quite agree with dealers in their remarks, "No one deserves to be treated in this manner." This was not a lone case; a survey showed that it happened many times.

In one violent case of abuse I noted a party collecting precancel.

He sat at a dealer's table for almost 3 hours looking over stock after the dealer definitely told him that he did not have any precancels with him. The collector finally gave up and went his way after telling the dealer he was looking for a rare precancel that sold for approximately \$300. That is abuse of the first water of any collector's privilege.

Another factor noted was that dealers did not have sufficient stock in many cases to meet the demands of the real collector. There were only two dealers who really could show good material. Many times it was a case of, "give me your name and I find it for you, and mail it after I get home." That shows definite lack of foresight on the dealer's part. If he intended to show at a bourse at an exhibit, he should have been fairly well prepared before hand. He should have had a representation of his entire stock, even if only one of a kind. That would have given the collector a better view of the tremendous stock a dealer can have.

It was further noted in some cases some dealers could not find anything themselves. They had stock books all coded with set numbers and when asked for certain stamps, they could not find them. We say this merely to show the confusion on nearly everyone's part. Of course, there were other dealers who had worlds of material and almost anything you wanted. It does not have to be told which dealers did the most business.

The opinion I finally arrived at, with all this going on, was that generally collectors who attend these types of Exhibitions are out for bargains at prices below the market. They do not stop to realize that as a general rule most material is marked-up a little to help defray expenses. Many, many times we noted that certain stamps were priced from 5c to \$1 over the regular market price. It is true that dealers should be allowed a little more for all their troubles in going to the show, but not that kind of profit. It would be better if we all stayed at home, ordered from our favorite dealers and fought out our troubles with him.

The first collector mentioned in the second paragraph is not covered by this previous statement. He had so many items on his want list that he could have bought most of them, and not one of them have cost him over 10c each. He did not want to buy! He wanted someone to give him something for nothing. This is pretty much true of lots of collectors who buy on approval. Probably if someone had taken him by the hand

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There are hopes that the January session of the legislature will consider this bill as one of the first pieces of business on its agenda. Members of the club also met with the Reorganization Committee of the government, and in several get-togethers did much to sell this group on the merits of giving a consideration to establishing a Bureau of Philately.

The club through the special efforts of Justice Manuel Lim, club president, and Severino N. Luna, secretary, have been able to interest the Educational Division of the government in the entering of stamp collecting into the curricular activities of the schools. It is reported that stamp collecting was received with much enthusiasm by the students. Undoubtedly, the Philippines will soon have a creditable agency or division where the needs and the interests of collectors will be taken care of in an adequate manner. When that time comes, a lot of the credit for the success and the establishment of the philatelic bureau must be given to the Philippine Philatelic Club, and the persons mentioned above.

and led him to the 10 for one cent box he would have been happy. Of course, the reason he did not inspect the box stamps was that they were marked for the kids and he would have looked funny stealing out of the kid's box. Then, on the other hand, he would have probably gotten mad because the box did not have any 10c 1847 stamps in it.

There is only one lesson that can be gathered here and that is to be fair in your demands. Give your business fairly to the dealer and do not expect something for nothing. It is good fellowship and can not help but bring on ill feelings if you do not wish to meet your dealer half way. If your dealer does grow short with you in his letters, think it over a little and see if there is not some thing that has brought that about. It may be you who are causing the friction, and not the dealer.

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The Retirement Fund stamps have appeared each year beginning with an issue in 1943. Values of the three stamps in the set have always been the same, and these are a 1c, a 2c and a 5c. The present issue for 1947 depicts an aged couple and a picture of Antonio Oms Sarret, first president of the employees retirement association. Color of the 1c is blue green, 2c red and 5c blue.



Right off the bat we run into one of those question and answer things cast under our unsuspecting noses by H. M. Brehm of New London, Wisc. We'll print the questions first, and add the answers at the tail end of this column. There are only two and if you guess correctly you will be excused from other home work for this evening. Here goes—

Q. The likeness of what foreign sovereign is pictured on a U. S. postage stamp?

Q. The likeness of what foreign president is pictured on a U. S. postage stamp?

As predicted in this column some couple of weeks ago, the first day cover sales and the number of stamps sold for the "U. S. Frigate Constitution" stamp did set a new record. Only a very small number of the over 600,000 total covers serviced received a hand cancel. The majority were fed into the machine canceller. All bore the U. S. Frigate Constitution postmark, while the name of Boston, Mass., was inserted in the killer bars.

Newest list from the philatelic agency in Washington, D. C., is at hand. Nothing new has been added in the way of a return of the regular Prexy issue, or this same set of stamps in the coil, or the booklet pane forms. Present list sells only the two Duck stamps, 1946 and 1947. Commem. on sale are: Iwo Jima, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Al Smith, Texas, Merchant Marine, Discharge Emblem, Tennessee, Iowa, Smithsonian, Kearny, Edison, Pulitzer, Centenary, Doctors, Utah, Constitution (all of these are 3c denominations). Also the 5c Roosevelt and the 15c Centenary Souvenir sheet.

The following air mails are to be had: AMSD 16c, 50c (1937) (neither stamp can be supplied centered), 1941 issue values of 6c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, and 50c; large 5c, and the 1947 issues of 5c (small), 10c, 15c, and 25c.

Those who might be interested in obtaining the list from the agency should request it from the Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C. If you plan to purchase from the Agency, be prepared for a long wait. This division of the Department has slipped to a fright-

ful extent in the service it is giving the citizens. It still sells selected stamps, packages them nicely, but oh brother, the hot place usually is frozen over several inches thick before they send you your goods.

Speaking before the National League of District Postmasters in Convention at Pittsburgh, First Assistant Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson said:

"We are a vast public utility, taking in over the counter more than one billion, three hundred million dollars per year. But we cannot lose sight of the fact that the Postal Service in this country is primarily a service enterprise, and it has been upon this historic premise that the Post Office Department since the days of Washington and Franklin has rendered the finest mail service in the world. The true value and importance of the Postal Service to the public cannot be gauged in terms of profit and loss statements.

"This accounts for the fact that in the last 100 years there have been only seventeen years in which the Postal Service operated at a profit, and most of these were during war periods. Postal surpluses were shown for the fiscal years, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919, and more recently in 1943, 1944 and 1945."

And here we thought all the time that Farley was the champ!

Mr. Donaldson also stated that, "Another factor responsible for increased costs in operating the postal service at the present time relates to the charge for transporting the foreign mails, both surface and air. During the war the entire cost of transporting these overseas mails was borne by the War and Navy Departments whereas now the Post Office Department, as in pre-war years, has resumed paying the costs of these services, which are now far in excess of what they were before the war when we did not have the world-wide network of air mail routes which we today have and which are the envy of every nation in the world."

The postal revenues for the fiscal year 1947, which ended June 30, last, were one billion, two hundred and ninety-eight million dollars, an increase of seventy-four million dollars over the fiscal year 1946 and within sixteen million dollars of the peak year 1945.

In reviewing some of the exhibition winners lately, it begins to appear that the general collectors are coming into their own. This in a country that has so many accumulators, otherwise known as collectors, who claim that they "specialize" in United States stamps. The big thunder goes to the pretties from foreign lands. Too many of the U. S. boys are intent on making a fortune through the purchase of sheets, rather than taking this

same money and building an out of the ordinary collection. Only one of these self designated specialists out of 2000 has any kind of a U. S. collection that looks as if it hadn't come out of a Five and Ten.

Gosh, we nearly forgot the answers to Mr. Brehm's questions. For the first one you are right if you said Isabella I of Spain (1451-1504) on the \$4 Columbian stamp. She was sovereign in her own right as Queen of Castile and Leon (1474-1504). The other answer is Dr. Sun Yat Sen of China (1867-1925) on the 5c China commemorative stamp of 1942. He was the first president of the Chinese Republic (1917-1922).

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We are inclined to agree with Mr. Rosenberg and would like to see an explanation as to why these stamp which we believe to be issued by the Military Government, are listed as of Germany. What is the difference between these issues and the first issues listed by Scott as Military Government issues?



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Show In Dayton Brought Out Many Worthwhile Exhibits

One of the finest exhibits ever put on by the Dayton Philatelic Society was held on October 25 and 26 at the Miami Hotel in Dayton, Ohio. There was some beautiful material on display, lots of dealers with nice merchandise and a very friendly crowd on deck at all times. The two top awards of the show were taken by George W. Linn, editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News and Carl P. Rueth, managing editor.

Mr. Linn received the grand award for his outstanding display of the Cape of Good Hope Triangles, while Mr. Rueth was voted the best in the show exhibit by the visitors to the show, each of whom was privileged to cast a ballot for this honor. He displayed the complete issues of all the semi-postal stamps of Finland. Both men also received blue ribbon awards for their displays.

The following collectors were the winners of blue ribbons in the open competition; they are listed together with their winning displays. Russell Lyle, Stampless and Crash Covers; Dave Miller, Foreign Air Mails; Lawrence D. Ely, Greece Air Mail stamps on Cover; Marlin Todd, U. S. Air Mails; John B. Hardig, V-Mails; J. Oliver Lang, Newfoundland; Al Flitton, General Foreign.

B. D. Fullerton, New Jersey Precancels; George W. Linn, AMG issues; Warren Scholl, U. S. Departmental Proofs John Marvin, Roosevelt Memorial stamps Mrs. Betsy Turley, Specialized France Mrs. R. D. Fullerton, Princess Elizabeth on stamps.

The Junior competition was quite keen. The judges did decide that out of the many fine exhibits entered by the youngsters that the following three were tops. John Davidson, Stamps of the United Nations; Sandra Weikert, Horses on Stamps and Thomas Schmidt First Issue Commemoratives.

Judging of the entries was in the capable hands of Lincoln A. Russell of Columbus, Ohio and Clifford Shafer of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Dayton show is fast becoming the outstanding philatelic event in central and southwestern Ohio. Each year it seems to get better both in the quality of its exhibits, and the large number of collectors that are attracted to it. The committees and the club personnel are to be commended on their fine show.

Memorial Stamp For War Dead Proposed

At the October 16th meeting, the All-Boro Collectors club members have by unanimous vote decided to adopt a resolution to sponsor and campaign to proper offices of the Post Office Department for the issuance of a postage stamp to represent a fitting tribute and memorial to all who have died in the service during this country's past wars. The suggested design would be the TOMB of the UNKNOWN SOLDIER. An appropriate script beneath the design could read "TO ALL WHO DIED IN THE ARMED SERVICE."

Chattanooga Club Elects New Officers

Just recently in Chattanooga, Tennessee, members of the Chattanooga Stamp club elected new officers to guide the fortunes of the group for the coming year. Joseph R. Sterling is the new president, Dr. J. Horace Coulette, vice-president, Mrs. Georgina Sprayberry, is secretary-treasurer and B. R. Spearman, auctioneer.

The club meets regularly the first and third Fridays of each month at the A. Each meeting has some form of interesting program for the members. Collectors in the vicinity of Chattanooga are invited to meet with the club at any time. Address of the secretary is 1613 Bennett avenue, Chattanooga 4, Tenn.

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after paying well for them. This angle has been remedied, although with the ruling that hand cancels will be held to a minimum on future first days, there is a possibility that many blocks on cover will be damaged. Nevertheless the service has improved and this happened only because the higher ups in the Department were interested.

The Department is to be commended also on their willingness to establish branch philatelic agencies at various of the larger exhibitions. This can be nothing more than a sincere effort on their part to be of service to collectors.

Rather than believe that the Post Office Department will not

give any considerations to the pleas of collectors for better service, because they are alleged to be stiff-necked about such things, the evidence is more the other way. Many of the things that collectors complained about only months ago are now mended, plus which the Department has instituted some advancements of its own.

The Department might be slow in the execution of plans to aid those operating the Agency, but unquestionably they are working on it, and service from there should soon be back to a two-weeks round trip for an order. As to the designs and the colors of our stamps, improvement will be shown only after the politicians and the pressure groups are kept away from the stamp designing section.

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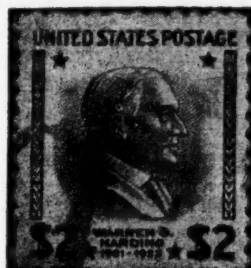
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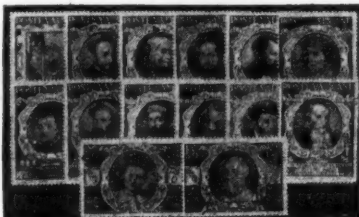
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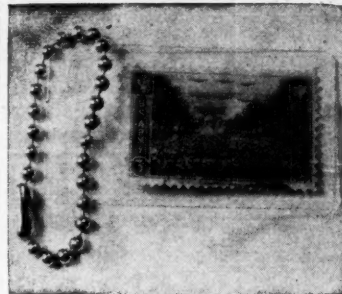
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